



NO to Trump's 'no-fly zone' over Venezuela!

WW STATEMENT

Workers World condemns Trump's latest war moves against Venezuela. His declaration on "Truth Social" of a "no-fly zone" in all of Venezuela's skies and the surrounding area is blatantly illegal and a brazen violation of Venezuela's sovereignty.

Venezuela's government has rightly called this latest act of aggression a "colonialist threat" that "represents a hostile, unilateral and arbitrary act, incompatible with the principles of international law." (Reuters, Nov. 29)

Only Venezuela can legally declare a no-fly zone in its territory. Any attempt

to forcibly impose this illegal air blockade will be met with resistance, in Venezuela and around the world.

Millions of Venezuelans have been mobilized to defend their country from U.S. imperialism. Workers World Party is in full solidarity with them and with the Bolivarian government in Caracas.

Polls show 70% of people in the U.S. oppose Trump's war against Venezuela. We demand money for food, housing, education, health care and jobs, not war!

U.S. hands off Venezuela! □



Venezuela's Bolivarian militia

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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 capitalism, 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, 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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Solidarity and resistance against ICE

After the National Guard shootings last week, President Donald Trump stopped all benefits for immigrants and, prior to that, had ordered an end to temporary protected status for Haitians, Somalis, Afghans, Venezuelans and others. At the same time, Trump has encouraged the emigration of 7,500 white South Africans with privileges to the U.S., a racist slap in the face to the African National Congress coalition-led government of South Africa.

On a grassroots level, the resistance against masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) thugs targeting migrants — with or without papers — continues to grow and intensify throughout the United States. There are too many instances to mention here, but two cities in particular deserve a special shout-out.

In New York City's Lower Manhattan on Nov. 29, some 200 protesters blocked a garage near Chinatown where ICE agents had gathered for a surprise illegal raid. The protesters found out about the raid ahead of time reportedly from their on-the-ground surveillance team and networking.

Not only did the protesters use their bodies to block the garage entrance, but they also stacked up piles of garbage behind them to fortify the standoff which lasted for an hour. Despite the arrest of several protesters by the New York police, ICE was forced to back down and call off the raid.

The resistance did not stop after this victory. Once the ICE agents fled from the garage, protesters chased them down Canal Street, hurling garbage cans and planters at their vehicles. The protesters were equally angered by the presence of the police, who physically assaulted them, including spraying the crowd with chemical weapons.

In October ICE agents carried out a similar raid in New York City on Canal Street, arresting West African vendors with the false pretext that their merchandise was counterfeit. Following the raid, a spontaneous crowd of protesters chased agents down Lafayette Street as the agents were returning to ICE offices



Durham, N.C. protest, Nov. 19, 2025

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at 26 Federal Plaza.

With each new ICE raid, community networking is becoming more and more effective throughout the New York boroughs in terms of anticipating planned raids before they happen. One protester stated: "We're going to have to keep improving tactics, and we're going to have to do what communities all over the country have done, which is to stand up. This did not end up being a great photo op for ICE. If they were planning on doing something on Canal Street, they did not get that opportunity." (New York Times, Nov. 29)

North Carolina shows the way

Various sectors of Charlotte, North Carolina, with a population of over 960,000, have been organizing resistance to ICE's operation, "Charlotte's Web," in the most populous city in the state. The racial makeup of Charlotte is 39% white, 34% African American, 17% Latine and 6% Asian.

According to reports from Alt National Park Service, a coalition of progressive activists created during Donald Trump's first presidency in 2017, students have been the heart and soul of the resistance to ICE.

On Nov. 20, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School district reported over 30,000 absences across the district as ICE activity intensified. Entire schools experienced dramatic drops in attendance, with walkouts, absences, rallies and other coordinated actions happening at multiple high school campuses.

Teenagers organized citywide through group chats, campus clubs and social media, linking up with parents and local advocacy groups. Students marched to district buildings, rallied outside their schools and filled athletic fields carrying handmade signs to defend their immigrant classmates and their families.

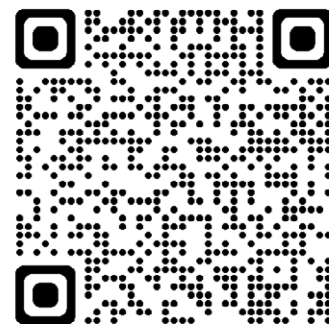
Some schools formed "support circles" to check in on families who felt unsafe leaving their homes.

The Charlotte student walkouts have inspired other similar student-led walkouts throughout the state in Durham, Greensboro, Oxford, Raleigh, and elsewhere.

Countrywide campaigns have been organized to disrupt customer service in big-box stores like Home Depot for allowing ICE agents to conduct raids against unsuspecting migrant workers and shoppers.

Despite Trump's ongoing war on migrants, Workers World applauds the examples of New York City and Charlotte to reflect that political solidarity is growing by leaps and bounds for migrant communities — not only in cities, large and small. Activists are showing heroic militancy and determination as tactics and strategies are being developed, with the use of social media and networking, to resist ICE terrorism. □

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Forces behind the National Guard shootings

An apparent targeted shooting of two West Virginia National Guard members on Nov. 26 in Washington, D.C., has unloosed Trump's political vomit and raised questions regarding decades of U.S. intervention in Afghanistan and the authoritarian ambitions of the MAGA regime.

Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, 20, and Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, 24, were shot during the day of Nov. 26 within two blocks of the White House. Beckstrom died Nov. 27, and, as of Nov. 28 Wolfe remained hospitalized in critical condition.

Rahmanullah Lakanwal, an Afghan refugee who had been living in Bellingham in Washington State, who was arrested for the shootings, was wounded in a fire-fight and remains hospitalized while in custody.



Trump sent reluctant National Guard troops to Los Angeles last May. Their task, to defend the hated ICE bounty hunters.

Trump, as is usual for him, used the shooting as a pretext to justify his political program. He immediately suspended immigration and asylum for people from Afghanistan and other countries considered hostile to the U.S., while slandering all migrants.

The events expose not only the indefensible position of the MAGA regime but the crimes of U.S. imperialist intervention in Central Asia starting from the 1978 Saur Revolution in Afghanistan.

According to government and media reports, Lakanwal had enlisted in a paramilitary unit of Afghans called a "zero unit."

Human Rights Watch described the "zero units" as mostly "recruited, trained, equipped and overseen by the CIA." (New York Times, Nov. 28) These units specialized in night raids and clandestine missions.

Lakanwal will be charged with first-degree murder for the shooting, say the authorities. No one is charging him or any other "zero unit" members or any CIA officials for crimes carried out against the Afghan civilian population during the U.S. occupation.

Decades of U.S. intervention

The real root of this shooting, however, is U.S. imperialist (and bipartisan) intervention in Afghanistan at least since 1978. In April of that year, progressive forces in

Afghanistan overthrew the king and set up a pro-socialist government in Kabul, the capital, in what was known as the Saur Revolution.

The U.S. immediately financed and trained reactionary "warlords" throughout Afghanistan. Later, imperialism doubled down by supplying arms and funds, supplemented by funds from Saudi Arabia, in order to attack Soviet forces that were invited to aid the central Afghan government.

A long, bloody civil war followed, and finally the reac-

tionaries — which included "warlords" and groups that developed into al-Qaida as well as the Taliban — defeated the pro-socialist side. In the end, the Taliban seized power. But the U.S., which had first accepted Taliban rule, used the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center as an excuse to invade Afghanistan two months later.

The influx of refugees from Afghanistan arrived as the U.S. retreated from Afghanistan after 20 years in August 2021. The U.S. government was obliged to offer asylum, because it had recruited Afghans to work with the occupation forces, turning them into collaborators. Since the

Taliban won the central government, the Afghan people who collaborated would be at risk if they remained.

Both Democratic and Republican administrations supported the intervention in Afghanistan, yet Trump is now pushing for a complete double cross. Not that this would be the first time U.S. imperialism double-crossed its collaborators.

Trump put Guard members at risk

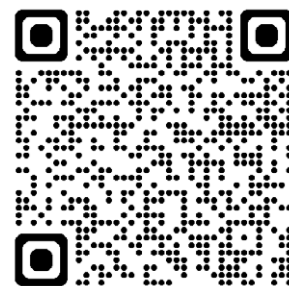
By ordering the National Guard into Washington, D.C., Trump chose to put Guard members at risk. From the point of view of the safety of the population, his pretext for the order, there was no reason to send troops to D.C.

He ordered them into the capital to press Trump's seizure of the armed state apparatus — army, police, National Guard and armed and masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) mercenary thugs for use against the working class.

And the West Virginia governor, who was all too quick to accept use of his National Guard, is also complicit. The state resources he used to aid Trump were desperately needed in West Virginia during recovery from disastrous floods.

Trump will likely continue his slanderous rant against migrants. But the real criminals responsible for the death of the Guard member are the White House MAGA crowd and the U.S. political and military leaders who committed 50 years of U.S. imperialist aggression against Afghanistan. □

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Las fuerzas detrás de los tiroteos contra la Guardia Nacional

M.O. DECLARACIÓN


Trump envió tropas de la Guardia Nacional a Los Ángeles el pasado mes de mayo en contra de sus deseos. Su tarea: defender a los odiados cazadores de recompensas del ICE.

Un aparente tiroteo selectivo contra dos miembros de la Guardia Nacional de Virginia Occidental el 26 de noviembre en Washington D. C. ha desatado la vomitona política de Trump y ha planteado preguntas sobre las décadas de intervención estadounidense en Afganistán y las ambiciones autoritarias del régimen MAGA.

La especialista del Ejército Sarah Beckstrom, de 20 años, y el sargento de la Fuerza Aérea Andrew Wolfe, de 24, recibieron disparos durante el día 26 de noviembre a dos manzanas de la Casa Blanca. Beckstrom murió el 27 de noviembre y, a fecha de 28 de noviembre, Wolfe seguía hospitalizado en estado crítico.

Rahmanullah Lakanwal, un refugiado afgano que vivía en Bellingham, en el estado de Washington, fue arrestado por los disparos, resultó herido en un tiroteo y permanece hospitalizado bajo custodia.

Trump, como es habitual en él, utilizó el tiroteo como pretexto para justificar su programa político. Inmediatamente suspendió la inmigración y el asilo para las personas procedentes de Afganistán y otros países considerados hostiles a los Estados Unidos, al tiempo que difamaba a todos los migrantes.

Los acontecimientos ponen de manifiesto no solo la posición indefendible del régimen MAGA, sino también los crímenes de la intervención imperialista estadounidense en Asia Central desde la Revolución Saur de 1978 en Afganistán.

Según informes del Gobierno y los medios de comunicación, Lakanwal se había alistado en una unidad paramilitar afgana llamada «unidad cero».

Human Rights Watch describió a las «unidades cero» como «reclutadas, entrenadas, equipadas y supervisadas en su mayoría por la CIA» (New York Times, 28 de noviembre). Estas unidades se especializaban en redadas nocturnas y misiones clandestinas.

Lakanwal será acusado de asesinato en primer grado por el tiroteo, según las autoridades. Nadie le acusa a él ni a ningún otro miembro de la «unidad cero» ni a ningún funcionario de la CIA por los crímenes cometidos contra la población civil afgana durante la ocupación estadounidense.

Décadas de intervención estadounidense

Sin embargo, la verdadera raíz de este tiroteo es la intervención imperialista (y bipartidista) de Estados Unidos en Afganistán al menos desde 1978. En abril de ese año, las fuerzas progresistas de Afganistán derrocaron al rey y establecieron un gobierno pro socialista en Kabul, la capital, en lo que se conoció como la Revolución de Saur.

Estados Unidos financió y entrenó inmediatamente a «señores de la guerra» reaccionarios en todo Afganistán. Más tarde, el imperialismo redobló sus esfuerzos suministrando armas y fondos, complementados con fondos de Arabia Saudita, para atacar a las fuerzas soviéticas que habían sido invitadas a ayudar al gobierno central afgano.

Se produjo una larga y sangrienta guerra civil, y finalmente los reaccionarios — entre los que se encontraban «señores de la guerra» y grupos que se convirtieron en Al Qaeda y los talibanes — derrotaron al bando pro socialista. Al final, los talibanes tomaron el poder. Pero Estados Unidos, que en un principio había aceptado el régimen talibán, utilizó el ataque del 11 de septiembre de 2001 contra el World Trade Center como excusa para invadir Afganistán dos meses después.

La afluencia de refugiados de Afganistán se produjo cuando Estados Unidos se retiró de Afganistán en agosto de 2021, tras 20 años de presencia. El gobierno estadounidense se vio obligado a ofrecer asilo, ya que había reclutado a afganos para que trabajaran con las fuerzas de ocupación, convirtiéndolos en colaboradores. Dado que los talibanes ganaron el gobierno central, los afganos que colaboraron correrían peligro

si se quedaran.

Tanto los gobiernos demócratas como los republicanos apoyaron la intervención en Afganistán, pero ahora Trump está presionando para que se produzca una completa traición. No es la primera vez que el imperialismo estadounidense traiciona a sus colaboradores.

Trump puso en peligro a los miembros de la Guardia

Al ordenar la entrada de la Guardia Nacional en Washington D.C., Trump decidió poner en peligro a los miembros de la Guardia. Desde el punto de vista de la seguridad de la población, su pretexto para la orden, no había razón para enviar tropas a D.C.

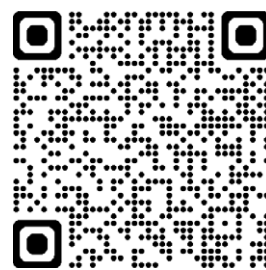
Los ordenó a la capital para presionar la toma por parte de Trump del aparato estatal armado —el ejército, la policía, la Guardia Nacional y los mercenarios armados y enmascarados del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE)— para utilizarlo contra la clase trabajadora.

Y el gobernador de Virginia Occidental, que se apresuró a aceptar el uso de su Guardia Nacional, también es cómplice. Los recursos estatales que utilizó para ayudar a Trump eran muy necesarios en Virginia Occidental durante la recuperación de las desastrosas inundaciones.

Es probable que Trump continúe con sus difamatorias diatribas contra los migrantes. Pero los verdaderos criminales responsables de la muerte del miembro de la Guardia son la multitud MAGA de la Casa Blanca y los líderes políticos y militares estadounidenses que cometieron 50 años de agresión imperialista estadounidense contra Afganistán. □

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