

Boston Pride: Solidarity with Palestine

By Workers World Boston bureau

A sea of humanity joined in celebrating Boston's 56th annual "Pride as Protest" march, held on June 6. The march honored the presence and resistance of LGBTQIA2S+ people throughout history and their rich diversity, culture, intersectionality, rebellious spirit and determination to resist the Trump cabal's right-wing attacks.

Numerous antiwar, immigrant rights, pro-socialist and workers' organizations marched to thunderous cheers. They included 1199 Service Employees Union Healthcare Workers East, Massachusetts Teachers Association, hotel and dining hall workers with Local 26 UNITE HERE.

Also demonstrating were electrical workers. Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, stagehands

with International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 481 and the National Association of Government Employees. They were joined by numerous community groups, including Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth, Multicultural AIDS Coalition and groups supporting housing for unhoused LGBTQ+ minors.

A contingent of pro-Palestine activists was sponsored by Boston Democratic Socialists of America, whose activists drove a sound truck and led rousing chants. The contingent was joined by the Boston Coalition for Palestine, Jewish Voice for Peace, Boston South Asian Coalition and Workers World Party.

They received passionate cheers, shouts and fist bumps from tens of thousands of spectators lining the two-mile march route from Copley Square to Boston Common. The crowds enthusiastically chanted, "Free, Free Palestine!" while waving hundreds of Palestinian flags distributed by marchers along the route.

March watchers embraced the group's hundreds of fliers demanding an end to Massachusetts state



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Boston LGBTQIA2S+ Pride march, June 6, 2026.

government support for U.S.-Israeli war crimes in Palestine, Lebanon and Iran. The marchers carried signs and banners reading "No Pride In Genocide!" and "From Stonewall to Palestine, Pride Means Fightback!"

Chants rang out emphasizing "ICE Out," immigrant rights, trans rights and abortion rights. The chant, "What do we want? Rent control! When do we want it? Now!" also fired up the crowd, as millions of people face an extreme housing crisis in Massachusetts and a ballot struggle over rent control is coming up in November. □

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Sex Workers Alliance in LGBTQIA2S+ Pride march, Cleveland, June 6, 2026. [Read online.](#)

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Trump will not admit defeat in Iran

On June 3, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio insisted before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the U.S. war against Iran was “over.” (France24.com, June 3) That evening the U.S. military struck Iran, and Israel has continued its genocidal aggression against Lebanon, including a strike on a residential building in Dahiyeh on June 7.

Democrats House Rep. Sara Jacobs and Sen. Cory Booker grilled Rubio on his assertion, with Jacobs saying, “You won’t admit President Trump is losing this reckless war of choice,” (CBS News, YouTube, June 3) and Booker later saying, “The president’s top people are lying.” (Cory Booker, Facebook, June 5)

Yes, it’s true. Trump, Rubio and other Republican politicians are blatantly lying. There is no end in sight to this war, despite their repeated claims that a ceasefire has either been brokered or is imminent. Rubio’s assertion that the U.S. won the war is based on false claims that Iran’s military has been destroyed. Meanwhile, U.S. forces have retreated from the Sea of Oman, and Hezbollah remains committed to resisting Israeli attacks on Lebanon.

Why the deception? The Trump administration would rather commit outright falsehoods than acknowledge that the U.S. can’t crush the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has mass support from the Iranian people. To agree to Iran’s terms for ending the war and reopening the Strait of Hormuz — which include unfreezing Iran’s assets, 50% of them immediately — would be to admit defeat. But the war is widely unpopular in the U.S., so people here are repeatedly fed false information about it ending with a ceasefire within reach.

Washington may be, to use a word that surfaced during the Vietnam War — which the U.S. also lost — in a “quagmire.” Democratic politicians disagree with the Trump administration over how to weaken Iran. But both parties aim to defeat Iran. And neither party opposes economic warfare in the form of sanctions.

Iran war has global impact

The failure of U.S. imperialism to impose regime change on Iran has worldwide implications. Marta Fernández, the director of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South

Africa, with the addition of Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates) Policy Center in Brazil, tied it to Washington’s egregious threats against Cuba.

Fernández said, “A tougher posture toward Cuba can be interpreted simultaneously as geopolitical signaling, domestic political strategy and an attempt to reshape the political narrative after the frustrations associated with Iran.” Of course, Fernández explains, the U.S. is also determined to reassert its hegemony over Latin America. (presstv.ir, June 5)

Unlike Democratic Party politicians, who argued that Iran’s military was (in their view lamentably) still strong, Workers World would welcome a defeat for U.S. imperialism in Iran — or anywhere for that matter. We oppose destroying Iran or its military.

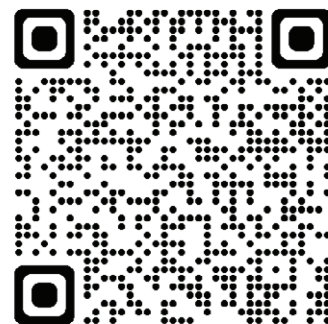
In fact, we want the U.S. working class to overthrow capitalism — an act of global solidarity with humanity! A defeat for imperialism anywhere helps workers and oppressed people everywhere, including in the U.S. It’s the flip side of the old union slogan, “An injury to one is an injury to all.”

U.S. out of West Asia! Stop the U.S. war machine! □



Iranians demonstrate support for their government, Tehran, Feb. 28, 2026.

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Protests tell megarich: Albania not for sale!

By Sara Flounders

Waves of daily protests, growing in size and in rage, are denouncing a fast-track deal to develop two mega resorts in Albania. One is in a unique and environmentally protected coastal area. The lagoons, wetlands, pine forests and sand dunes of Pishë Poro-Narta provide habitat for hundreds of species. The coastal region on the Adriatic Sea serves as an important stopover point for migratory birds traveling between Europe and Africa, including protected pink flamingos, the symbols of the rallies.

A major coastal development project on the protected island of Sazan and the Zvërnec Peninsula — spearheaded by Affinity Partners, an investment firm linked to President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and daughter Ivanka Trump — has sparked daily waves of widespread protests in Tirana, the capital. More than 6,000 elaborate villas and accompanying luxury infrastructure for the superrich are projected. The developers estimate the enormous project will exceed €4 billion (\$4.6 billion). (tinyurl.com/vc3cx4ft)

The mass demonstrations and the government repression, caught on videos of bulldozers, barbed-wire fences and security guards dragging protesters across the sand, may have a far-reaching impact.

The present Albanian government is firmly pro-U.S. and pro-NATO and has supported every U.S.-NATO war since 1991, including sending Albanian troops to U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq where they maintained a continuous presence for nearly two decades. The United States maintains a persistent military presence in Albania. (tinyurl.com/4rft54j4)

U.S. Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR) established a rotational, forward-operating headquarters in Albania to serve as a logistical and operational hub for the Balkans. With its lax oversight, Albania has become a hub for advanced cybersecurity. (tinyurl.com/mzpdb5mt)

Albania remains among the poorest countries in Europe. (tinyurl.com/bdctkxt9)

Despite complete compliance with U.S. demands and support for U.S. wars and use of NATO weapons, the U.S. keeps impoverished Albania on a short leash. It continues to maintain targeted sanctions. These are part of the Balkans-Related Sanctions that impact the entire region with asset freezes, U.S. bans on politicians and local media and an all-pervasive network of control and enforced poverty.

Albania's history of struggle

Albania has a fiercely independent history. An anti-fascist and communist-led resistance led by Enver Hoxha liberated the country from Italian fascism, then partisan resistance to direct German Nazi occupation, without Allied assistance during World War II. Despite extreme underdevelopment and lack of infrastructure, following liberation, the People's Socialist Republic of Albania attempted with great determination to build an egalitarian socialist country. But Albania faced intense isolation. Every attempt at development was blocked, cut off and sanctioned.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990-1991, all the socialist countries of Eastern Europe were pulled under in a wave of U.S.-imposed counterrevolutions. In Albania, the entire communist movement was outlawed for years from all political life and blocked from all media.

The overturn of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania government did not bring the promised capitalist prosperity or even an end of Albania's isolation. It led to a sharp class divide. Capitalist goods flooded in, displayed enticingly in shops, but only a small, corrupt handful benefited from loyal compliance to imperialist demands. The population as a whole faced massive displacement.

Almost half of the population has been



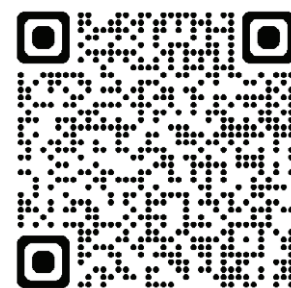
A protester against Jared Kushner's proposed development, which would bring luxury tourism to a stretch of protected coastline in Albania, June 2026.

forced to migrate from Albania to survive. Globally, approximately 2.3 million Albanian citizens live abroad, which is almost as many as the 2.8 million living inside Albania. This massive diaspora, a brain drain, is one of the largest in the world relative to the country's total population.

The waves of demonstrations today express a great rage at the lack of transparency, level of government corruption and the outright plunder seen in the secret deals that hand over precious protected areas.

The images of pink flamingos, an endangered species put at risk by the two developed playgrounds for the ultrarich, hold the potential for wider struggles. □

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¡Cierren Delaney Hall y todos los centros de detención de ICE!



Manifestación frente a Delaney Hall, Newark, Nueva Jersey, 31 de mayo de 2026.

1 de junio — Una huelga de hambre de entre 300 y 400 inmigrantes detenidos en el Centro de Inmigración y Aduanas Delaney Hall de Newark, Nueva Jersey, gestionado por GEO Group, que comenzó el 22 de mayo, ha desencadenado manifestaciones diarias frente a las instalaciones, en las que los manifestantes han sido brutalmente agredidos por matones del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE).

Mundo Obrero apoya la protesta contra la mala ventilación, la comida incomedible, la falta de atención médica y la explotación laboral de los inmigrantes detenidos, y exige el cierre inmediato de Delaney Hall y de los más de 225 centros activos del ICE en todo Estados Unidos.

Los contratos con el ICE le están costando actualmente al Gobierno alrededor de 165 dólares por persona detenida al día. GEO Group tiene actualmente contratos para gestionar centros con capacidad para más de 26.000 detenidos. En el primer trimestre de 2026, los beneficios de GEO ascendieron a 705,2 millones de dólares, lo que supone un aumento del 17 % con respecto al año pasado.

En Delaney Hall, los ejecutivos de GEO Group maximizaron los beneficios contratando al menor número posible de trabajadores externos. GEO obligó a los migrantes detenidos a realizar tareas esenciales, como la limpieza y la preparación de alimentos. GEO les pagaba tan solo 1 dólar por hora, si es que les pagaba algo.

El Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS), que supervisa al ICE, alega que GEO Group puede pagar tan poco a los inmigrantes debido al Programa de Trabajo Voluntario del Gobierno federal

y a una excepción de la 13.^a Enmienda de la Constitución que abolió la esclavitud: «salvo como castigo por un delito por el que la parte haya sido debidamente condenada». Se trata de un pretexto falso, ya que la gran mayoría de los detenidos por el ICE no tienen antecedentes penales y no han sido condenados por ningún delito.

Markwayne Mullin, secretario del DHS, en una publicación en X, mintió al afirmar: «No hay ninguna huelga de hambre en Delaney Hall. No hay condiciones precarias».

Numerosas protestas en las prisiones de ICE

La huelga de Delaney Hall es solo una de las varias acciones colectivas emprendidas por los inmigrantes detenidos en los últimos meses para protestar contra las condiciones inhumanas y tortuosas de las prisiones de ICE. Estas condiciones han provocado 56 muertes bajo custodia, incluidos 10 presuntos suicidios. A principios de mayo, los presos inmigrantes del condado de Torrance, en Nuevo México, y del centro del ICE del Noroeste en Tacoma, Washington, anunciaron la formación de La Unión de Secuestrados por el ICE (laresistenciaiw.org).

Según una carta de los detenidos en Delaney Hall, hecha pública por prospect.org el 20 de mayo, «el personal de GEO Group sirve comida en mal estado que contiene gusanos y no repara los baños, que se encuentran en condiciones terribles e inhumanas». La carta afirma que el personal ignora graves problemas de salud, sin tratar a las personas con gripe persistente, conjuntivitis, infecciones del tracto urinario, fiebre y tos.

Amy Torres, directora ejecutiva de la

Alianza de Nueva Jersey por la Justicia para los Inmigrantes, declaró: «Las condiciones eran tan malas que algunas personas perdieron sus embarazos. Eran tan malas que provocaron una plaga de piojos y que una cepa de gripe que ha estado circulando no recibiera tratamiento. Eso es lo que lleva a la gente a la huelga».

Delaney Hall también se encuentra en una zona industrial de Newark, rodeada de fábricas. The Guardian informa: «El aire junto a las instalaciones es pútrido, huele a aguas residuales y productos químicos» (27 de mayo).

Los medios de comunicación prestaron poca atención a la huelga de hambre de los detenidos. Fue necesario que la policía de ICE rociara con gas pimienta a varios políticos, entre ellos el senador de Nueva Jersey Andy Kim, para que el caso recibiera algo de publicidad. Sin embargo, pocos comentaristas corporativos señalaron que los políticos electos, como la gobernadora de Nueva Jersey, Mikie Sherrill, y Kim, tienen derecho a visitar estas instalaciones, financiadas con el dinero de los contribuyentes, sin ningún tipo de interferencia.

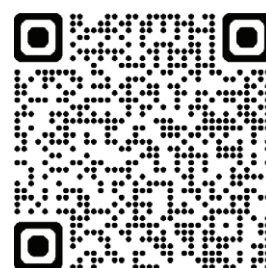
Mundo Obrero exige libre acceso a estas instalaciones. Exigimos la puesta en libertad, sin cargos, de todos los manifestantes detenidos fuera de las instalaciones durante la última semana.

Exigimos además una investigación exhaustiva de los beneficios obtenidos por GEO Group, Core Civic y otras empresas durante el último año gracias a la superexplotación de los inmigrantes detenidos.

¡Cierren Delaney Hall! ¡Cierren el ICE! □

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