



New York protest: 'U.S. hands off Cuba!'

By Brenda Ryan
New York City

Cuba solidarity organizations held an emergency protest in New York City on May 31 to denounce the U.S. government's intensified economic aggression and military threats against the sovereign nation of Cuba.

Demonstrators gathered in front of the federal Post Office Building next to the busy Moynihan Train Hall (Amtrak station) demanding an end to the oil blockade of Cuba the U.S. imposed on January 28 that has resulted in massive electrical power outages greatly affecting healthcare and other sectors of the economy.

They called for no war on Cuba, an end to the 60-plus-year U.S. economic blockade,



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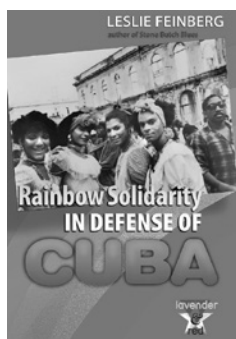
and hands off former Cuban President Raúl Castro Ruz, who was indicted by the U.S. government on May 20 on the bogus charge of murder stemming from the 1996 shooting down of two

planes operated by a counterrevolutionary terrorist group, the Miami-based Brothers to the Rescue. The protest was organized by the Cuba Sí New York / New Jersey Coalition. □



New York City, May 31, 2026

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MAGA slush fund

A capitalist tradition of theft

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This past week, the Trump administration has once again pulled from a long tradition of the ruling class exploiting the people's tax dollars to support themselves and their allies. In this case, those allies are the participants in the January 6, 2021 pro-MAGA riot at the U.S. Capitol who violently attempted to overthrow the results of the 2020 presidential elections. The administration wants to use a \$1.8 billion slush fund – a hidden reserve of money used for illicit purposes, especially political bribery – to bail out their criminal base from charges of sedition.

The administration has referred to those arrested on Jan. 6 as “political prisoners.”

Trump's characterization of his fascist buddies as being “political prisoners” is deeply ironic considering that Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, First Combatant Cilia Flores, political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal and countless immigrants are being held against their will in concentration camps across this decadent country.

This kind of theft under U.S. capitalism is not new. Only the forms have changed. Throughout the history of the United States, the ruling class has always used their system to enrich both themselves and their allies at the expense of the working class. Trump's own hero, President Andrew Jackson, perfected this with the Spoils System, which enriched his political party and a ruling class drawn from both the North and South, that profited directly from the enslavement of Black people and the genocide of Indigenous peoples.

During the Gilded Age (a period between the late 1870s to the late 1890s), the same dynamic played out openly. The ruling class flaunted their power and openly admitted that the system was in their pocket, placing their allies in any office they desired, including the presidency.

The Teapot Dome scandal (1921-1923), Watergate, and countless others all follow the same pattern. So when we look at Trump's \$1.8 billion slush fund, we must recognize that it is capitalism itself, the same system that empowered Jackson



New York City protest, March 21, 2023.

and others, that is now openly allowing the funneling of money to other reactionaries.

An article by Linda Qui disproved the claims made by administration officials concerning the slush fund not being anything out of the ordinary. She cited that in a congressional hearing on May 19, Todd Blanche, the acting attorney general, conceded that the fund announced this week was “unusual.” (New York Times, May 20) In the same article, Adam Zimmerman, a University of Southern California law professor, stated: “The president is suing himself and compensating other people for legal claims that have not been identified from people like that. We don't know. We just haven't seen anything like that.”

The justification for all of this came from the president himself, who claimed these actions were necessary because of the “mistreatment” of his friends and allies under the Biden administration. While working people face rising rates of homelessness and unemployment, the administration is manufacturing grievances to justify looting public funds.

This is not an accident. It is historically rooted in the structure of capitalism itself where the more profit the ruling class extracts, conditions worsen for the people. And as the capitalist crisis deepens, it produces the squeezing of the working class, the theft of their tax dollars and the continued funding of the oppression of the

Global South in order to keep the whole decadent global system on life support.

So what must the people do? The answer is to build a revolutionary people's movement, one that is grounded in the material needs of the people and takes seriously the struggles they face.

People are becoming radicalized because of how the Trump administration and the ruling class are impacting their lives. The workers and oppressed are beginning to recognize that this system was never built to meet their needs first and foremost. And if allowed to continue unchecked, the capitalists will commit even greater crimes. That is why the working class must organize to build a revolutionary movement to radically change this destructive system. □

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Shut down Delaney Hall and all ICE detention centers!

June 1—A workers' hunger strike by 300 to 400 immigrant detainees at Delaney Hall Immigration and Customs Center in Newark, New Jersey, run by GEO Group, that started May 22, has sparked daily demonstrations outside the facility, with protesters brutally attacked by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) thugs.

Workers World supports the protest against poor ventilation, inedible food, lack of medical care and exploited labor of immigrant detainees and calls for Delaney Hall and all 225-plus active ICE centers across the U.S. to be immediately shut down.

ICE contracts are currently costing the government around \$165/per person held per day. GEO Group currently has contracts to run facilities to hold over 26,000 detainees. In the first quarter of 2026, Geo's profits were \$705.2 million, a 17% increase over last year.

At Delaney Hall, GEO Group executives maximized profits by hiring as few outside workers as possible. GEO forced the detained migrants to perform essential jobs, including cleaning and food preparation. GEO paid them as little as \$1 per hour — if they paid them at all.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which oversees ICE, claims Geo Group can pay immigrants so little because of the federal government's Voluntary Work Program and because of an exception in the 13th Amendment to the Constitution that abolished slavery — "except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted." It's a phony pretext because the vast majority of ICE detainees have no criminal records and have not been convicted of any crime at all.



Protest outside Delaney Hall, Newark, New Jersey, May 2026.

Markwayne Mullin, the Secretary of the DHS, posting on X, lied, saying: "There is no hunger strike at Delaney Hall. There are no subprime conditions."

Many protests at ICE prisons

The Delaney Hall strike is just one of several collective actions undertaken by immigrant detainees in recent months to protest the inhumane and torturous conditions in ICE prisons. These conditions have resulted in 56 deaths in custody, including 10 alleged suicides. Earlier in May, immigrant prisoners in Torrance County, New Mexico, and at the Northwest ICE center in Tacoma, Washington, announced the formation of La Union de Secuestrados por ICE, or the Union of People Kidnapped by ICE. (laresistencianw.org)

According to a letter from detainees at Delaney Hall, made public by prospect.org on May 20, "GEO Group staff are serving decaying food that contains worms and failing to repair bathrooms, which are in terrible and inhumane condition." The letter states that staff ignores serious health issues, failing to treat people with persistent flu, conjunctivitis, urinary tract infections, fever and coughs.

Amy Torres, executive director at the New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, stated: "Conditions were bad enough for people to lose their pregnancies. They were

bad enough to start a lice infestation, to have a strain of flu that has been going around untreated. That's what gets people to strike."

Delaney Hall is also located in an industrial part of Newark, surrounded by factories. The Guardian reports, "The air by the facility is putrid, smelling like sewage and chemicals." (May 27)

Little media attention was given to the detainees' hunger strike. It took ICE police pepper spraying politicians, including New Jersey U.S. Senator Andy Kim to get any publicity. Yet few corporate pundits noted that elected politicians like New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill and Kim have a right to tour these facilities, funded with taxpayers' money, without any interference.

Workers World demands open access to these facilities. We demand release, without charges, of all demonstrators arrested outside the facility over the last week.

We further demand a full investigation of the profits made by GEO Group, Core Civic, and other corporations over the past year from the super exploitation of immigrant detainees.

Shut down Delaney Hall! Shut down ICE! □

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Tiroteo en San Diego

Un acto de terrorismo interno

Tres personas perdieron la vida durante un tiroteo ocurrido el 18 de mayo en el Centro Islámico de San Diego. El Centro es la mezquita más grande del condado de San Diego y alberga también la escuela Al Rashid. Además, los dos adolescentes que presuntamente abrieron fuego contra el Centro han fallecido, al parecer por suicidio.

Una de las víctimas fue Amin Abdullah, guardia de seguridad y padre de ocho hijos. Llevaba 10 años trabajando en el Centro. Abdullah es considerado un héroe por haber sacrificado su vida para proteger a los niños que se encontraban en el centro durante el tiroteo. Afortunadamente, ningún niño resultó herido.

Mundo Obrero coincide con la valoración del Consejo de Relaciones Americano-Islámicas (CAIR), uno de los mayores grupos de defensa y derechos civiles musulmanes de EE. UU. En su comunicado, el CAIR condenó el tiroteo afirmando: «Nos sentimos profundamente consternados, pero en absoluto sorprendidos, al saber que, según se informa, quienes atacaron el Centro Islámico de San Diego estaban motivados por el odio antimusulmán».

El CAIR continuó: «El odio contra los musulmanes estadounidenses está completamente fuera de control. Numerosos políticos han pasado el último año afirmando que todos los “musulmanes moderados” deberían ser eliminados, que las mezquitas y las escuelas primarias estadounidenses deberían cerrarse, y que los musulmanes estadounidenses deberían ser expulsados de nuestra nación. La semana pasada, los republicanos de la Cámara de Representantes celebraron una audiencia en el Congreso para avivar las llamas del odio contra

los musulmanes estadounidenses, sus lugares de culto e incluso los escolares musulmanes.

«Un ataque mortal contra una mezquita estadounidense era tan previsible como inaceptable. El odio contra los musulmanes es una de las últimas formas de intolerancia que aún se toleran en la sociedad estadounidense, y ya es hora de que se ponga fin a la tolerancia hacia este odio». (cair.com, 18 de mayo)

Dos mil personas asistieron el 21 de mayo de 2026 a un acto conmemorativo en memoria de las tres víctimas asesinadas en el Centro Islámico de San Diego. (Foto: Al-Jazeera)

En su página web, el Centro Islámico de San Diego afirma que su misión es «colaborar con la comunidad en general para atender a los más desfavorecidos, educar y mejorar nuestra nación». (icsd.org) Las otras dos víctimas mortales fueron Mansour Kaziha y Nader Awad. Al igual que Abdullah, se les considera héroes. Dos mil personas asistieron el 21 de mayo a un acto conmemorativo en San Diego en memoria de las tres víctimas.

El verdadero culpable: la islamofobia

Puede que los dos adolescentes apretaran el gatillo que acabó trágicamente con la vida de tres personas. Sin embargo, este tiroteo no ocurrió en el vacío. Se produjo en medio de una ola de odio antimusulmán, también llamada islamofobia, impulsada por la clase dominante imperialista estadounidense, sus políticos y los medios de comunicación corporativos, que tienen como objetivo el islam como religión y cultura arraigada principalmente en las naciones oprimidas del mundo.

La islamofobia en Estados Unidos alcanzó su punto álgido tras el 11 de septiembre de 2001 (11-S), cuando los gobernantes esta-

dounidenses convirtieron a todos los musulmanes en chivos expiatorios de los atentados contra el World Trade Center y el Pentágono. Personas al azar que vestían ropa tradicional musulmana fueron objeto de agresiones físicas, algunas de las cuales provocaron la muerte de varias personas.

Tras el 11-S se aprobaron leyes reaccionarias, como la Ley Patriota de 2001 (Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate

Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism), con el fin de tildar falsamente a los árabes y a los musulmanes en general de «terroristas». El objetivo era justificar las invasiones estadounidenses de Afganistán e Irak y permitir que la administración de George W. Bush deportara o encarcelara a personas musulmanas.

Un ejemplo es el de Aafia Siddiqui, quien (junto con sus hijos) fue secuestrada por Estados Unidos en Pakistán en 2003. Fue condenada a 86 años de prisión por un tribunal federal de EE. UU. y permanece recluida en una prisión federal cerca de Fort Worth, Texas, desde 2010.

El sionismo es racismo

Desde 1975 hasta 1991, se celebró anualmente en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas una votación simbólica sobre la propuesta de que «el sionismo es colonialismo y racismo». La mayoría de los países, situados principalmente en el Sur Global, votaban «sí», mientras que los votos en contra procedían siempre del Estado sionista de Israel, de Estados Unidos y, en su mayoría, de otros países imperialistas. La Resistencia Palestina ha solicitado que el movimiento mundial ayude a resucitar «El sionismo es racismo» como eslogan principal.

Son frecuentes los llamamientos públicos para poner fin al «odio antijudío». Sin embargo, no puede decirse lo mismo de los llamamientos para acabar con el odio antiárabe o antimusulmán. Esa simpatía hacia los musulmanes, que sería un antídoto bienvenido contra la islamofobia, no sirve a los intereses geopolíticos del imperialismo estadounidense y de su aliado, el decadente Estado terrorista de Israel. □



Dos mil personas asistieron el 21 de mayo de 2026 a un acto conmemorativo por las tres víctimas fallecidas en el Centro Islámico de San Diego.

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