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NYC protests condemn war criminal Netanyahu

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Thousands of people marched through the streets of New York City denouncing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as he addressed the United Nations General Assembly Sept. 24. They forcefully called for an end to the genocide in Gaza, Zionist settler attacks in the West Bank, the imprisonment and torture of Palestinians and the U.S.-Israeli war against Iran.

In a passionate outpouring, protesters gathered in front of the New York Public Library at Bryant Park and marched to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the U.N. headquarters. Chanting "Netanyahu you can't hide, we charge you with genocide!" and "Free, Free Palestine!" they showed the widespread opposition to Israel.

One large banner called for the immediate release of Dr. Hassam Abu Safiya, a Palestinian pediatrician and director of the Kamal Adwan Hospital in Gaza until his abduction by Israeli forces in December 2024. A large poster cutout depicted Netanyahu as a criminal and another illustrated Netanyahu and President Trump as the "Board of Butchers." A contingent from Workers World Party carried signs proclaiming "Solidarity with Iran & Palestine Resistance" and demanding freedom for Dr. Safiya and all political prisoners.

At a separate protest led by Jewish Voice for Peace, hundreds of people held a sit-in that blocked First Avenue a few blocks from the United Nations. They wore white T-shirts with the slogan "Fund People Not Bombs" and held banners demanding "End the Genocide" and "Stop Arming Israel." One of their chants included "Let Iran live!" More than 100 protesters were arrested, including actors Susan Sarandon, Hannah Einbinder, Elliot Page and Cynthia Nixon.

There was also powerful opposition to Netanyahu within the General Assembly gathering. Delegates from 77 countries, almost all from the Global South, were either absent or walked out as he took the podium to speak. The Iranian U.N. delegation left behind a photo of the beloved General Qassem Soleimani, who was assassinated by the U.S. in a drone strike in January 2020. ☐

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Palaver Collective's anti-imperialist action blocks from the U.N. on Sept. 23.

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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.

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Native Americans drive mining company off sacred land

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Nine Native American tribes, joined by local community activists, successfully drove off a mining company on May 8, preventing it from drilling on their sacred ceremonial land in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This is part of a larger Indigenous Land Back movement growing in the U.S., which includes local direct action and legal victories.

The Black Hills site is part of a high mountain prairie called Pe' Sla, meaning "heart of everything that is," and is owned by tribes of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, also known as the Great Sioux Nation. It is an important spiritual, cultural and historical place for the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota nations. Native American tribes find plants for food and medicine there, such as the timpsula, a prairie turnip high in calcium.

It's home to herds of buffalo and a source of clean water. Drilling near Pe' Sla could contaminate drinking water in surrounding communities. In late April, two Oglala Lakota scouts said they followed a red-tailed hawk to freshly cut dirt roads that led them to a mining operation engaged in exploratory drilling.

Despite great opposition, the U.S. Forest Service had quietly granted the mining company 18 exploratory drilling sites in early April. Native American tribes and community groups had filed several federal lawsuits against the Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture for lack of consultation with tribes and for inadequate environmental reviews required to drill near Indigenous land.

The company, ignoring lawsuits, began drilling around the clock to complete as much as possible before the court hearing.

The success of collective organizing

Immediately about 40 activists arrived, including from Indigenous and community environmental organizations, and an advocacy group NDN Collective. They blocked the road and occupied two of the company's drilling pads.

The plan was to have a one-day action, but the occupation lasted seven days, with people camping out in 10 degree nights. Because of a drought, they couldn't build fires for fear of causing a wildfire. The Youth Council remained closest to the mining machinery, while the elders anchored the camp. During the trial, more than a hundred students marched out of high school to join protesters at the federal courthouse in Rapid City, South Dakota.

PHOTO: ANGEL WHITE EYES

Community members defended the land near sacred Lakota site Pe' Sla, where exploratory drilling began in the Black Hills around South Dakota, on April 30, 2026.

On May 4, the judge granted a 14-day pause of mining operations, but, because of the intense controversy, the company packed up and left on May 7. Wizipan Little Elk Garriott, president of NDN Collective and a former Interior Department official, said: "I think it shows the power of organizing, the power of community coming together to say 'no' through direct action. It also shows the power of being able to bring things to the court. And then it also shows the power of tribes being able to organize and to take action." (Truthout, May 2026)

The power of Indigenous land protectors

An Indigenous Land Back movement is growing in the U.S., including grassroots direct action and legal victories. The South Dakota mining company was looking for graphite, a critical mineral in electric car batteries. However, once a company has the right to drill, it can look for whatever else is in the earth. More than 75% of the lithium, copper and nickel in the U.S. is found within 35 miles of an Indigenous reservation. There is a soaring demand for these metals, which are components of green energy batteries and solar panels.

Globally, Indigenous people make up only 5% of the world's population, but they care for one quarter of earth's surface. (tinyurl.com/yc6ufyyp) There are a growing number of Indigenous land protectors (land defenders, water protectors, or Indigenous Guardians). They safeguard ancestral territories, ecosystems and natural resources from exploitation.

Nearly 80% of the planet's remaining biodiversity exists on land managed by Indigenous communities. There is less deforestation on Indigenous land than in the rest of the world. Using traditional land management practices, such as controlled burns, rotational harvesting and waterway caretaking, Indigenous lands have higher rates of carbon storage and ecological health than government-managed areas.

Several Očhéthi Šakówiŋ tribes purchased Pe' Sla for $9 million in 2012. An increasing number of Indigenous tribes and organizations are reclaiming ancestral lands around the continent through purchases, land donations and partnerships with state and federal conservation agencies. ☐

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Workers World's salute to socialist China at 77!

October 1 marks the 77th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Ten days earlier, on Sept. 21, 1949, China's leader Mao Zedong gave the opening address to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He declared that "the great majority of the Chinese people have won liberation" and "the Chinese people, comprising one quarter of humanity, have now stood up." (marxists.org)

Today, in 2026, China's achievements have astounded the world. Before the Revolution, less than 20% of the population could read and write. Now literacy stands at 95%. Before 1949, extreme poverty was widespread, and famines occurred regularly. But socialist China has eliminated extreme poverty for 800 million people.

In the book "China Changes Everything," Sara Flounders points out: "China's workers have laid down tens of thousands of miles of high-speed rail that connect 500 Chinese cities and are still expanding to connect to neighboring countries. Meanwhile in the U.S., both freight and passenger railroads are in decline." U.S. railroad jobs are threatened as rail companies merge and cut corners. (iacenter.org)

Flounders also notes: "A significant portion of China's free higher education starts with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, graduating some 3.5 million STEM graduates each year. This is approximately 10 times as many as those from U.S. educational institutions. High levels of skill and advanced education are essential for intervention in today's world."

Women, who were brutally oppressed in the old, patriarchal China, now comprise a large number of these graduates.

China's "green" credentials are unmatched. Global Energy Monitor reported in 2024 that "China is home to almost two-thirds of [the] world's utility-scale solar and wind power in construction." GEM reported that "China added almost twice as much utility-scale solar and wind power capacity in 2023 than in any other year. By the first quarter of 2024, China's total utility-scale solar and wind capacity reached 758 GW [gigawatts], though data from China Electricity Council put the total capacity, including distributed solar, at 1,120 GW. Wind and solar now account for 37% of the total power capacity in the country, an 8% increase from 2022, and widely expected to surpass coal capacity, which is 39% of the total right now, in 2024." (globalenergymonitor.org, July 2024)

While the capitalist artificial intelligence companies are selling the new technology as a means to eliminate workers, China is offering their AI to the world as a means to improve the quality of life.

China has extended solidarity to Iran and Cuba in the midst of U.S. imperialism's hostility towards both countries. It has also provided vital technology to underdeveloped countries, especially in Africa.

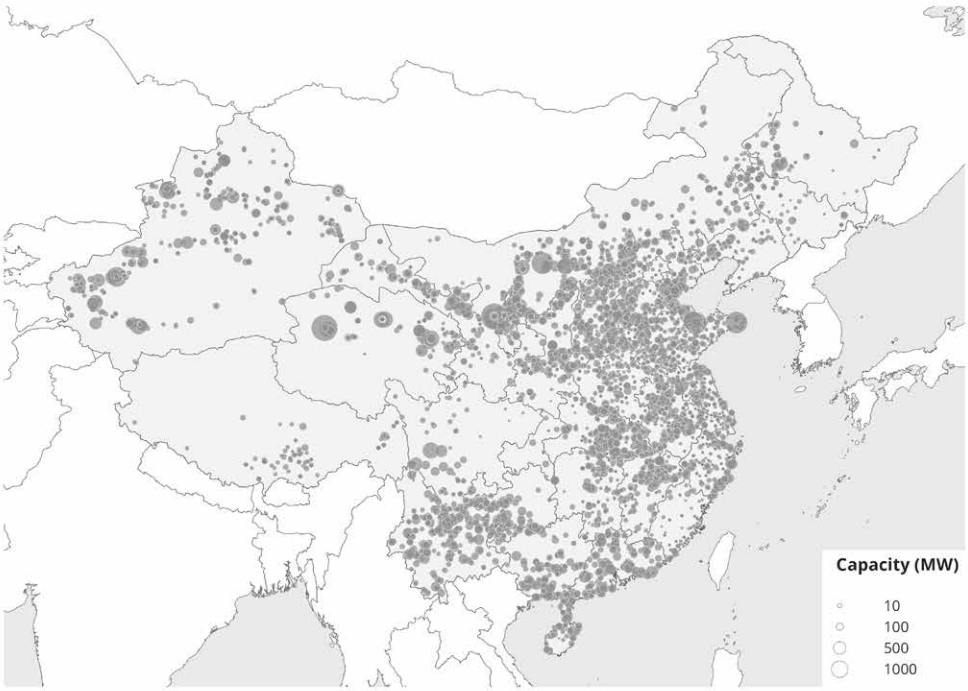
In Mao's same 1949 speech he said that China's former imperialist rulers "are sure to engage in sabotage and create disturbances by one means or another, and every day and every minute they will try to stage a come-back." This remains true 77 years later. China has accomplished so much in spite of decades of military hostility and economic warfare — the U.S. did not even recognize the People's Republic of China until 1979.

There is much more we could say. What makes China's achievements, above and beyond those of the most developed capitalist countries, possible? It is that China is a socialist country, where the betterment of the masses comes before the profits of a handful of billionaires.

Workers World salutes 77 years of socialist construction in China! ☐

Operating solar farms in China

Locations of operating solar power installations, circles sized by megawatt (MW) capacity



Note: Data includes solar project phases with a capacity of 1 megawatt (MW) or more

Source: Global Solar Power Tracker, Global Energy Monitor

Global Energy Monitor

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No hay libertad de expresión en la Casa Blanca

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Protesta frente a CBS tras la toma de control por parte de la familia Ellison en Filadelfia, 31 de agosto de 2025.

El presidente número 47 continuó esta semana sus ataques contra la democracia burguesa básica al vetar a periodistas de CNN, MS NOW y Político. Los guardias confiscaron sus credenciales el 19 de septiembre cuando intentaban entrar en la Casa Blanca.

No es la primera vez que Trump restringe la libertad de prensa. Como informó el New York Times: "El Departamento de Justicia ha enviado agentes del FBI a los domicilios de periodistas para entregar citaciones judiciales y, en al menos un caso, ha exhibido una orden para incautar dispositivos. El Pentágono ha despedido al editor y al director de su periódico tradicionalmente independiente, Stars and Stripes. ... Enojado por noticias que no son de su agrado, el presidente Trump ha demandado a importantes organizaciones de noticias, y la Casa Blanca ha tomado el control del grupo de prensa —anteriormente independiente— que sigue al presidente, decidiendo qué medios pueden participar". (12 de septiembre)

Esta última medida del presidente número 47 provocó airadas protestas de políticos y medios de comunicación burgueses, que calificaron las nuevas restricciones del presidente de ilegales e inconstitucionales. "Ninguna organización de noticias —ni ninguna persona— debería sufrir represalias por parte del gobierno debido a las palabras que utiliza", se quejó Lauren Easton, portavoz de The Associated Press. El Times y el Washington Post criticaron duramente el ataque a la libertad de expresión y de prensa.

Entre los políticos que se sumaron a la condena de Trump figuraban los senadores Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders y Chuck Schumer. El representante de la Cámara Jamie Raskin instó a los medios de comunicación a boicotear la Casa Blanca si el presidente no revocaba su veto.

Incluso colaboradores de Fox News criticaron al presidente número 47; uno de ellos, Jonathan Turley, declaró: "Impedir el acceso a la Casa Blanca a medios que no son del agrado del poder sienta un precedente y una práctica terribles". (New York Times, 19 de septiembre)

Más tarde, Fox rectificó su postura; el presentador de programas de opinión Joey Jones declaró, en referencia a la prohibición, que no «derramaría ni una lágrima» por ella. (mediate.com, 20 de septiembre)

Libertad de expresión para unos, pero no para otros

Estos mismos políticos y medios de comunicación han guardado silencio ante los ataques —al estilo de la era McCarthy— perpetrados por el Departamento de Justicia contra organizaciones genuinamente progresistas, ataques que buscan criminalizar la oposición al bloqueo estadounidense contra Cuba y a la guerra contra Irán. Permanecen callados ante las horribles masacres, la hambruna y otras formas de trato inhumano en Gaza, negándose a calificar la situación de genocidio.

Todo esto ocurre al mismo tiempo que Paramount intenta adquirir Warner Bros. Discovery, lo que situaría a CNN bajo el mismo paraguas que CBS, cadena controlada por aliados de Trump: Larry Ellison y su hijo David Ellison.

¿Qué les preocupa ahora en los casos de CNN, MSNBC y Político? Quizás el Times, el Post, la AP y los políticos demócratas teman que el «número 47» esté yendo demasiado lejos. Tal vez incluso teman convertirse en el próximo objetivo de sus políticas fascistas y antidemocráticas.

Trump, multimillonario y amigo íntimo de algunos de los hombres más ricos del mundo —como Jeff Bezos y Elon Musk— encarna la fase terminal del capitalismo. Sus inclinaciones fascistas reflejan la crisis del sistema; es la clase capitalista, y no solo Trump, la que reacciona ante su decadencia como bestias salvajes y rabiosas.

Lo que realmente desean estos falsos defensores de las libertades civiles —sean o no conscientes de ello— es volver a una etapa anterior del capitalismo. Abogan por un escenario en el que la expansión imperialista otorgaba a la clase dominante la seguridad necesaria para conceder mayores márgenes de libertad democrática y permitir el debate entre sus distintas facciones.

Mundo Obrero condena estos recientes ataques de la derecha contra la libertad de expresión. Sin embargo, este periódico no aspira a regresar a los «buenos viejos tiempos» de las libertades constitucionales reservadas para liberales y moderados —así como para conservadores e incluso fascistas, a quienes los liberales burgueses defienden sistemáticamente. La única garantía frente a un futuro fascista es deshacerse del capitalismo y construir una economía socialista. ☐

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