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## WW COMMENTARY

# Abolish the death penalty now!

By Gloria Rubac  
Houston

The death penalty is a crime. It is legalized torture by the government. The death penalty must be abolished now, immediately, today! The only solution to the horror of Christa Pike's failed torturous execution in Tennessee is to abolish the death penalty in every state and in the federal government.

There is absolutely no humane way to execute a live, healthy person by any government, state or federal. Period. All methods of execution — hanging, firing squad, gas chamber, the electric chair, the guillotine, nitrogen hypoxia, lethal injection — are inhumane. Every method used in this country since its founding has resulted in one or more botched executions.

When a new execution protocol is made possible by advanced technology,

the public is told it is safer than previous methods and will assure a safe and humane death. This is a damn lie!

Lethal injection has caused more botched executions than any other method!

The facts about the U.S. use of executions are clear:

1. Only poor and working-class people are executed.
2. The death penalty is racist. About 58% of those sent to death row are people of color, while they make up just 38% of the U.S. population.
3. The death penalty is even used to execute innocent people. There are 203 people who have been exonerated off death rows, because they were found innocent.
4. People are arrested, tried and convicted by racist cops, corrupt district attorneys and judges who don't give a damn.
5. Those charged with capital murder rarely can afford an attorney.

The last person executed in Texas did have an attorney with a law degree; he was a practicing dentist with no experience in capital murder cases.

Take it off the books. Put it in the dustbin of history — along with the enslavement of African people and people of African descent, the genocide of Native Americans and every other crime in the history of this country.

End executions! And do it today, right now!

Rubac is one of the founders of The Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement. For over 30 years, it has been the most active and militant anti-death penalty organization in Texas. The group supports every single person on death row, "innocent" or "guilty."



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the peoples of the world and the planet  
itself in the neverending quest for ever-  
greater profits.

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The U.S. is the richest country in the  
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class. It is time to point the blame at —  
and challenge — the capitalist system.

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# U.S. finally out of Iraq!

## Reparations NOW!

On September 30, the Islamic Resistance in Iraq wrote: “On this glorious and historic day, we raise our heads high and convey to you the news of the defeat and retreat of the last soldiers of the brutal occupation from the pure land of Iraq, dragging their tails of disappointment and humiliation, after they thought that the land of Mesopotamia would be a resting place for their ambitions, but it was a graveyard for them and hell for their arrogance.

“This departure and submissive withdrawal was not a gift or a favor from anyone; rather, it was written with the blood of our righteous martyrs, inscribed by the arms of our heroic fighters, and forged through the strikes of our drones and missiles that pulverized their strongholds, disturbed their sleep, and turned the land of Iraq into fire beneath their feet until they found no way out except flight.” (Resistance News Network, Sept. 30)

This statement, of course, contradicts the boasting of President #47, who tried to take credit for the last U.S. troops finally leaving Iraq. He said on his Truth Social platform that he “had a choice to stay or to leave, and felt, without question, that it was time for America to go home!”

While the withdrawal of the U.S. military was agreed to by former President Joe Biden in 2024, that agreement was no guarantee it would actually happen. U.S. imperialism has a long, ugly history of violating agreements it makes with oppressed nations.

The steadfastness of the Iraqi Resistance and the Iranian military in resisting the latest U.S.-Israeli terrorist war left the Pentagon no other choice but to pull out of Iraq on Sept. 30.

The long-overdue departure follows two devastating wars in 1991 and 2003,



One million people marched in London to oppose the U.S.-led war against Iraq, Feb. 15, 2003.

occupations from 2003-11 and 2014 up until Sept. 30 of this year, and murderous sanctions that led to over 1 million Iraqi deaths due to starvation. Of the deaths of 500,000 children, Madeleine Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. under President Bill Clinton, famously said in 1996, “The price is worth it.” (Al Jazeera, March 25, 2022)

Many readers of Workers World have spent decades, on and off, demonstrating around the demand “U.S. out of Iraq!” They were among the millions of people who took to the streets worldwide to try to stop the second Iraq war in 2003.

Now the Pentagon withdrawal has finally happened!

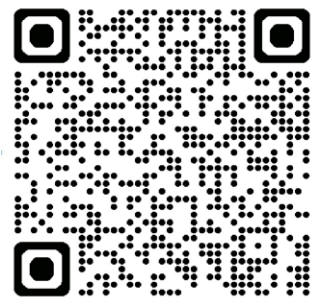
The antiwar movement must now demand the U.S. pay reparations to Iraq for all the death and destruction it created through decades of war, occupation and sanctions.

Workers World salutes the heroic people of Iraq for finally pushing out U.S. imperialist troops — hopefully for good.

We agree with the sentiment expressed

by Hezbollah, the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon: “We salute the fighters, the martyrs, and the wounded, and all the free people who, through their sacrifices and blood, paved the way for the beginning of the end of the American military presence in our region.” (Resistance News Network, Sept. 30) □

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# October 7: Three years of resistance, genocide and solidarity

By Monica Moorehead

October 7, 2026, will mark the third anniversary of the heroic Al-Aqsa Flood — the day when the Gaza-based Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) led a daring, heroic, surprise, coordinated attack of small rockets and ground infiltrations against multiple Israel Occupation Forces' military outposts and an Israeli music festival held in the southern part of Occupied Palestine. This reportedly led to the deaths of over 1,200 people, mainly Israelis and the taking of 250 hostages. Many Hamas fighters sacrificed their lives for their long-besieged people during this battle.

October 7, as it has now become known to the world, was not just another phase of the Intifada or uprising that began almost 40 years ago in 1987. It became a defining moment in the more than 78-year struggle for Palestinian national liberation and self-determination, beginning even before the founding of Israel in 1948.

In that very moment, October 7 showed the world that the Zionist State of Israel was not impenetrable or invincible, despite it being armed to the teeth with the most sophisticated weaponry provided by the imperialist West, especially the U.S.

And despite Indigenous Palestinians being stateless, Hamas and its allies showed that state repression breeds armed resistance backed by the oppressed masses — resistance that is still sustained today.

On the one hand, October 7 did not result in an Israel-Hamas war, as imperialist media propaganda has described it. This false narrative insinuates that there exists an equal sign between a terrorist, Nazi-like regime and a resistance organization with inferior arms. No, in reality, Israel used October 7 as an excuse to carry out a heinous genocide focused in Gaza, known as the largest open-air prison in the world and home to over 2.1 million Palestinians.

This horrendous genocide has not only resulted in an untold number — at least tens of thousands — of Palestinians losing their lives, including children, by a murderous regime hoping to wipe out future generations. At least 80% of the infrastructure in Gaza has been destroyed by U.S.-backed Israeli air strikes. Mass starvation continues unabated, along with the destruction of hospitals and clinics, reintroducing preventable diseases. Palestinian Resistance leaders like Yahya Sinwar and Ismail Haniyeh were both cowardly assassinated in 2024.

And this terrorism has been extended to the West Bank, where illegal, armed, Zionist, fascist settlers viciously attack

Palestinians daily, forcing them to abandon their homes and land while destroying their olive trees, one of their means of livelihood.

## Genocide leads to Israel's global isolation

Despite all of the unbearable suffering and challenges the Palestinian people continue to face, their Resistance has ignited unprecedented global solidarity with their struggle, from the developing countries of the Global South to imperialist centers in the Global North.

This solidarity has been expressed in so many arenas of struggle — student encampments; shutdowns and dismantlements of Israeli defense technology factories like Elbit Systems; workers strikes at the docks and against tech firms like Google that are complicit with genocide; sit-ins; mass protests; disruptions of pro-Israeli speakers; boycott and divestment campaigns; and more.

Not even the attempted doxxing of anti-Zionist activists by falsely labeling them as being antisemitic has been able to stem the seismic tide of solidarity.

There has been solidarity with the Palestinian people for many decades by oppressed peoples. But with this hideous genocide being so visible for the whole world to see, including on social media, not even the capitalist media can shield the crimes against humanity committed by imperialism's pitbull, Israel.

For the past three years, Israel has become the number one social pariah of the entire world. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and some of his cabinet members have been charged with war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity by the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court. There are warrants for their arrest wherever they go.

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Hamas fighters in Gaza, November 2025.

# October 7: Three years of resistance, genocide and solidarity

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Israeli vacationers are physically targeted and told that they are not wanted wherever they travel.

## Axis of Resistance causes instability within Israel

The Palestinian Resistance has created important armed allies throughout West Asia, especially in Iran, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen. These allies have wreaked havoc on the Israeli occupying force and U.S. military bases which defend Israel and lucrative profits for Big Oil.

The Israeli economy is in shambles due to Israel's out-of-control war and occupation expenditures, not only in Gaza and the West Bank but also in parts of Lebanon and Syria, where it also wants to expand its territorial control.

The suicide rate among demoralized Israeli soldiers has grown by leaps and bounds since October 7. There has been an uptick of young Israelis choosing jail rather than conscription into a genocidal, occupying army.

According to The Cradle, Israel's upcoming cabinet will inherit a weakened economy strained since October 7, with \$114 billion (U.S. dollars) in estimated war-related costs, public debt approaching 7% of the gross domestic product and military spending far above prewar levels. Public debt went from 60.5% of the GDP at the start of 2023 to 68.5% by the end of 2025, and the deficit reached 4.7%, while the economy also produced an estimated \$58 billion less than it otherwise would have. (Oct. 2)

There is a direct connection between the declining U.S. empire — that includes Israel — to war and genocide. Whatever the crimes against humanity it commits against a people determined to win back their ancestral land and liberation are a sign of desperation and weakness.

The Palestinian people are counting on the ongoing solidarity



New York City, March 8, 2024.

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from the people of the world. They are a shining example of the role solidarity can play to elevate any righteous struggle; for example, the mural that artists recently painted on a destroyed building in Gaza expressed their appreciation for rapper Macklemore's "Free Palestine" message delivered despite his concerts being banned in the U.S.

October 7, 2023, will always be remembered for being a significant milestone, not only for Palestine's liberation but as a blow struck for the liberation of all humanity from the shackles of all forms of imperialist domination and oppression.

This is the biggest nightmare that both the U.S. imperialists and the Zionists share, knowing all too well that their days are numbered. And that end cannot come soon enough for the Palestinians and the rest of the world.

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! □



Mass starvation in Gaza.

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# ¡Mundo Obrero rinde homenaje a la China socialista en su 77.º aniversario!

El 1 de octubre marca el 77.º aniversario de la fundación de la República Popular China. Diez días antes, el 21 de septiembre de 1949, el líder chino Mao Zedong pronunció el discurso de apertura ante la Conferencia Consultiva Política del Pueblo Chino. Declaró que «la gran mayoría del pueblo chino ha logrado su liberación» y que «el pueblo chino, que constituye una cuarta parte de la humanidad, se ha puesto en pie». (marxists.org)

Hoy, en 2026, los logros de China han asombrado al mundo. Antes de la Revolución, menos del 20% de la población sabía leer y escribir; ahora, la tasa de alfabetización se sitúa en el 95%. Antes de 1949, la pobreza extrema estaba generalizada y las hambrunas ocurrían con frecuencia. Sin embargo, la China socialista ha erradicado la pobreza extrema para 800 millones de personas.

En el libro *\*China Changes Everything\** (China lo cambia todo), Sara Flounders señala: «Los trabajadores chinos han tendido decenas de miles de millas de vías férreas de alta velocidad que conectan 500 ciudades chinas y que siguen expandiéndose para conectar con países vecinos. Mientras tanto, en Estados Unidos, los ferrocarriles tanto de carga como de pasajeros están en declive». Los empleos ferroviarios en EE. UU. se ven amenazados a medida que las compañías ferroviarias se fusionan y recortan gastos. (iacenter.org)

Flounders también destaca: «Una parte significativa de la educación superior gratuita en China pone énfasis en las disciplinas STEM (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas), graduando a unos 3,5 millones de profesionales en estas áreas cada año. Esta cifra es aproximadamente diez veces mayor que la de las instituciones educativas de Estados Unidos. Un alto nivel de cualificación y una educación avanzada son esenciales



La China celebra el aniversario de la revolución, 1 de octubre de 2026.

para desenvolverse en el mundo actual».

Las mujeres, brutalmente oprimidas en la antigua China patriarcal, constituyen ahora una gran parte de estos graduados.

Las credenciales «verdes» de China no tienen parangón. Global Energy Monitor informó en 2024 que «China alberga casi dos tercios de la capacidad mundial de energía solar y eólica a gran escala que se encuentra actualmente en construcción». GEM informó que «China añadió casi el doble de capacidad de energía solar y eólica a escala de servicios públicos en 2023 que en cualquier otro año. Para el primer trimestre de 2024, la capacidad total de energía solar y eólica a escala de servicios públicos de China alcanzó los 758 GW [gigavatios], aunque los datos del Consejo de Electricidad de China sitúan la capacidad total —incluida la solar distribuida— en 1.120 GW. La energía eólica y solar representan ahora el 37 % de la capacidad eléctrica total del país, un aumento del 8 % respecto a 2022, y se espera ampliamente que superen en 2024 a la capacidad del carbón, que actualmente constituye el 39 % del total». (globalenergymonitor.org, julio de 2024)

Mientras las empresas capitalistas de inteligencia artificial venden la nueva tecnología como un medio para eliminar trabajadores, China ofrece su IA al mundo

como un medio para mejorar la calidad de vida.

China ha expresado su solidaridad con Irán y Cuba en medio de la hostilidad del imperialismo estadounidense hacia ambos países. También ha proporcionado tecnología vital a países subdesarrollados, especialmente en África.

En aquel mismo discurso de 1949, Mao afirmó que los antiguos gobernantes imperialistas de China «sin duda se dedicarán al sabotaje y a provocar disturbios de una forma u otra, y tratarán de volver al poder a cada

instante». Esto sigue siendo cierto 77 años después. China ha logrado muchísimo a pesar de décadas de hostilidad militar y guerra económica; Estados Unidos ni siquiera reconoció a la República Popular China hasta 1979.

Hay mucho más que podríamos decir. ¿Qué hace posibles los logros de China, que van más allá de los de los países capitalistas más desarrollados? El hecho de que China es un país socialista, donde el bienestar de las masas prima sobre los beneficios de un puñado de multimillonarios.

¡Mundo Obrero saluda los 77 años de construcción socialista en China! □

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