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Mass outpourings uphold Chavista revolution

By Lyn Neeley

Heavy rain could not dissuade mass demonstrations of Venezuelans in cities across the country on October 7 to commemorate the 14th anniversary of Hugo Chávez's final presidential electoral rally in 2012. The United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) mobilized six marches in Caracas in which workers, students, farmers, Indigenous communities and communal organizers converged downtown.

Yet this major grassroots mobilization of Venezuelan Chavistas, defending what they have achieved, had little coverage from U.S. media. Why?

General Diosdado Cabello, PSUV Secretary and head of security of police and the military, addressed the demonstration in Caracos, noting: "Chávez transformed the politics of this country." He said the anniversary demanded recognition of both the electoral achievement and the personal sacrifice behind it. He championed the development of the communes, a model of "Popular Power" developed directly from the people rather than top-down state bureaucracies.

Venezuela's second National Popular Consultation of 2026 will take place on Oct. 18 when communes will vote on 32,000 different community-based projects. There are currently 5,306 communes, with the expectation of increasing to 6,000.

Cabello said the size and scale of this grassroots network provides the government with coordination on a massive scale. He said regional governments are increasingly required to adapt local agendas to the priorities of the communes.

Cabello reminded the crowd of Chávez's achievements and personal sacrifices for the revolution. Coincidentally, Chávez's reelection rally in 2012 also took place under torrential rain in Caracas. Yet, despite his illness, Chávez refused to change into dry clothes before addressing supporters who were themselves soaked.

The Orinoco Tribune wrote: "Cabello also challenged the class and imperialist contempt directed at Chavismo's popular base. He defended the dignity of working people, Indigenous communities, and Afro-Venezuelans, emphasizing that their struggle sought equality rather than privileges for an elite. He highlighted that opponents who underestimated today's grassroots movement were only repeating their earlier mistake of underestimating Chávez.

"On the movement's immediate tasks, Cabello urged Chavistas to strengthen daily organization and lend critical support to Acting President Delcy Rodríguez across the different fronts of political work. He called for expanding support so Chavismo would be prepared to win whenever it next faced its opponents at the ballot box." tinyurl.com/223jrpw3

Many children participating in the march had not grown up under the Chávez leadership. Cabello stressed "the responsibility of political education for young people about Chávez's life and the Bolivarian Revolution is a serious responsibility for older generations."

Cabello said: "Let us be like Chávez. That is the path." ☐

Caracas, Venezuela. PHOTO: PARTIDO PSUV

Native American and Palestinian lead contingents at Indigenous Peoples Day march, Boston, Oct. 10, 2026. Read online.

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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.

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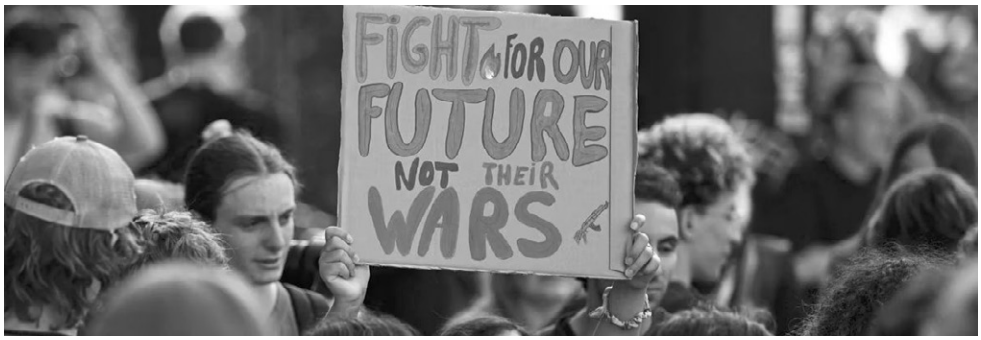
Student rebellions reflect no future under capitalism



Students protesting against education and budget cuts in Brussels, Belgium, on Oct. 7, 2026. PHOTO: LILLI FÖRTER

Workers World salutes the rebellious youth of France whose protests are becoming more revolutionary by the day. They started on Sept.17 when striking teachers in Créteil, a working-class Paris suburb, were joined by students demanding more staff. By Oct. 6, student protests had shut down 2,000 out of 3,700 high schools across the country, while engaging in daily mass demonstrations over severe teacher shortages, lack of resources in schools and deteriorating learning conditions. The protests have been joined by teachers and other union members.

University students also joined the protest, with 90% of universities mobilized to block 57 campuses. October 8 demonstrations that included both high school and university students put forth 10 common demands. These include the abolition of the racially biased French university admissions platform; an emergency plan for decaying school buildings; massive recruitment of staff; replacement of absent teachers; a reduction in class size; the hiring of nurses, teaching assistants and social workers and lighter class schedules.

Even before high schools were shut down in France, in late August, high school students in Mayotte, Guyana, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Réunion — former colonies of France — staged their own walkouts over similar deteriorating conditions impacting their education.

Books or bombs?

These protests are not taking place in a vacuum. Schools in France have grown increasingly undemocratic and more segregated. But it has been cuts in social programs, including education, matched by increased military spending for imperialist wars that sparked the actions. While the military budget has grown year after year between 2017 and 2023, the annual budget for higher education has declined 15%.

France's 2027 budget projects a permanent cut of over 1,500 teachers. Projected cuts in social spending would be $60.47 billion, while an additional $7.2 billion per year will go to the military.

Protesters carried signs in support of Palestine, along with Palestinian flags. They are connecting the increased militarization with the government's support for Israel. The student movement is also unfolding as NATO is pressuring France and other European governments to massively increase military spending. This generation of youth is being told to accept austerity while Europe experiences one of its largest military buildups in decades. Protest signs have declared: "Money for schools, not war" and "Fund high schools, not genocide."

While the students are asking for more teachers and decent schools, the state has repeatedly deployed violent riot police against them. Police have used tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons to disperse the crowds. Thousands of students have been arrested, and hundreds have been injured.

But the youth, many of them from migrant families, are coming out despite the state repression. Many of the young activists participating in the protests have expressed fears that they see no future for themselves under the current capitalist system. Conditions under capitalism are slowly killing young people, who are now saying they are not going to take it anymore. In the words of Malcolm X following the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy, this is a case of: "the chickens coming home to roost."

Right-wing pundits, including those at Fox News, are voicing concern that this youth-led movement could spread and threaten the control of the capitalist 1%. While they are worried, we have reasons for revolutionary optimism.

These protests have taken on a global character, spreading to other countries, including Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Brazil and India, where the lack of educational opportunities has been a major focus of the Cockroach Janta Party. In Spain, tens of thousands of young people have taken to the streets to demand housing justice. In Rome, high school students began occupying their schools on Oct. 5 under the slogan "Let's do as in France."

In Chile, protests are taking place against proposed education cuts led by students and unions. Common Dreams noted that they said: "Young people can't get hired. Can't afford rent. Can't afford a house. Can't see a future. … The streets are the only place left. This is going global." (Oct. 8)

It is just a matter of time before these youth and student rebellions spread to other imperialist centers, including the U.S. ☐

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Stop the execution of Nidal Malik Hasan!

By Monica Moorehead

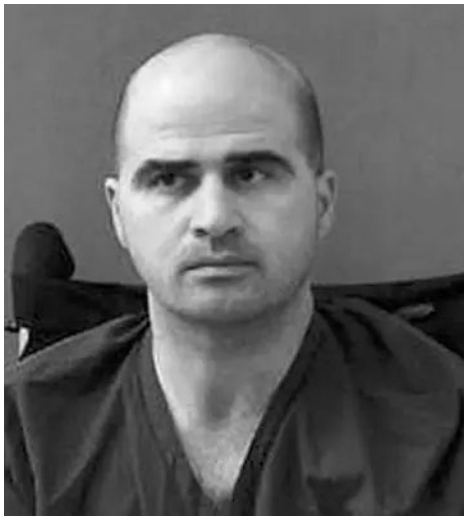
Bulletin: As of Oct. 15, President #47 has cancelled the livestream execution of Nidal Malik Hasan. The execution is still scheduled for Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Workers World remains opposed to this execution and all executions under this racist capitalist system.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth announced on Oct. 8 that the execution of Nidal Malik Hasan by a firing squad will be livestreamed on Dec. 3. If this does happen, it will be the first federal execution by the U.S. military since World War II and the first public execution since 1936.

Hasan was convicted by a military court in 2013 for the 2009 premeditated murder of 13 soldiers and the wounding of 24 more at the Fort Hood Army military base located in Central Texas. Hasan, a Muslim and son of Palestinian immigrants, was an army psychiatrist opposed to the deployment of more troops to the war in Afghanistan during that time, including himself. He was wounded during the shooting, resulting in him becoming partially paralyzed.

It is no coincidence that the Dec. 3 execution date of the disabled Hasan has been officially recognized by the United Nations as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities since 1992. According to the U.N. website, Dec. 3 "aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities." If this heinous act is livestreamed, it will be a deterrent from any events observing Dec. 3.

Also, the irony that Hasan, although born in the U.S., is Palestinian should be a serious consideration regarding him receiving the death sentence.



Nidal Malik Hasan

Abolish the death penalty!

Since the federal death penalty was reinstated in 1988 by the U.S. Supreme Court, there has been ongoing debate on which method of execution is more "humane." Is it lethal injection, electrocution, hanging, gas chamber or firing squad? President #47 has even suggested bringing back the guillotine! This debate has intensified since the recently botched execution of Christa Pike in Tennessee, who survived being lethally injected not once but twice.

Hegseth's announcement has understandably aroused condemnation by everyone from the pope to anti-death penalty groups to even some Republican politicians. Of course, those same Republicans are more afraid of their image being further tarnished, since their party is pro-death penalty.

As was stated in a recent World World commentary written by Gloria Rubac calling for an end to the death penalty:

"Only poor and working-class people are executed.

"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.

"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.

"People are arrested, tried and convicted by racist cops, corrupt district attorneys and judges who don't give a damn." (workers.org/2026/10/95187)

Another important reason for abolishing the death penalty is that every time an execution takes place, the state apparatus is strengthened and is more consolidated. The death penalty is not a deterrent against any kind of crime, even those crimes deemed anti-social.

The death penalty is a weapon of terror on the part of the capitalist ruling class against the working class. It is tied to the police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the courts and the prisons.

Multimillionaires and billionaires are rarely executed or even spend long periods of time in prison for the crimes they commit, be they of a personal or political nature. They have all the money needed to hire the best lawyers and to bribe judges so they are found "innocent."

In order to abolish the death penalty, the capitalist system that created this horrific terrorist machinery must be abolished. It is the Hegseths of the world who should be put on trial, convicted and jailed for crimes against humanity worldwide, not someone like Hasan whose main motivation was to stop the imperialist war on the Afghan people. ❐

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¡Estados Unidos por fin fuera de Irak! ¡Reparaciones YA!

El 30 de septiembre, la Resistencia Islámica en Irak escribió: «En este día glorioso e histórico, levantamos la cabeza bien alta y les transmitimos la noticia de la derrota y la retirada de los últimos soldados de la brutal ocupación de la tierra pura de Irak, arrastrando sus colas de decepción y humillación, después de que pensaran que la tierra de Mesopotamia sería un lugar de descanso para sus ambiciones, pero resultó ser un cementerio para ellos y un infierno para su arrogancia.

«Esta partida y esta retirada sumisa no fueron un regalo ni un favor de nadie; más bien, se escribieron con la sangre de nuestros justos mártires, se grabaron con las armas de nuestros heroicos combatientes y se forjaron mediante los ataques de nuestros drones y misiles que pulverizaron sus bastiones, perturbaron su sueño y convirtieron la tierra de Irak en fuego bajo sus pies hasta que no encontraron otra salida salvo la huida». (Resistance News Network, 30 de septiembre)

Un millón de personas se manifestaron en Londres para oponerse a la guerra liderada por Estados Unidos contra Irak, el 15 de febrero de 2003.

Esta declaración, por supuesto, contradice las fanfarronadas del presidente n.º 47, quien intentó atribuirse el mérito de que las últimas tropas estadounidenses abandonaran finalmente Irak. Afirmó en su plataforma Truth Social que «tenía la opción de quedarse o marcharse, y sintió, sin lugar a dudas, que era hora de que Estados Unidos volviera a casa».

Aunque la retirada de las fuerzas armadas estadounidenses fue acordada por el expresidente Joe Biden en 2024, dicho acuerdo no garantizaba que fuera a producirse realmente. El imperialismo estadounidense cuenta con una larga y sórdida historia de incumplimiento de los acuerdos que establece con las naciones oprimidas.

La firmeza de la resistencia iraquí y del ejército iraní a la hora de hacer frente a la última guerra terrorista estadounidense-israelí no dejó al Pentágono otra opción que retirarse de Irak el 30 de septiembre.

Esta salida, que se ha hecho esperar demasiado, se produce tras dos guerras devastadoras en 1991 y 2003, las ocupaciones de 2003 a 2011 y de 2014 hasta el 30 de septiembre de este año, y unas sanciones asesinas que provocaron la muerte por inanición de más de un millón de iraquíes. Sobre la muerte de 500 000 niños, Madeleine Albright, embajadora de EE.UU. ante la ONU y Secretaria de Estado bajo el mandato del presidente Bill Clinton, pronunció en 1996 la famosa frase: «El precio merece la pena». (Al Jazeera, 25 de marzo de 2022)

Muchos lectores de Mundo Obrero han dedicado décadas, de forma intermitente, a manifestarse en torno a la consigna «¡EE.UU. fuera de Irak!». Formaron parte de los millones de personas que salieron a las calles en todo el mundo para intentar detener la segunda guerra de Irak en 2003.

¡Ahora, por fin, se ha producido la retirada del Pentágono!

El movimiento contra la guerra debe exigir ahora que EE.UU. pague reparaciones a Irak por toda la muerte y la destrucción que ha causado a lo largo de décadas de guerra, ocupación y sanciones.

Mundo Obrero rinde homenaje al heroico pueblo iraquí por haber expulsado por fin a las tropas imperialistas estadounidenses —esperemos que para siempre.

Compartimos el sentimiento expresado por Hezbolá, la Resistencia Islámica del Líbano: «Rendimos homenaje a los combatientes, a los mártires y a los heridos, así como a todas las personas libres que, con sus sacrificios y su sangre, allanaron el camino para el comienzo del fin de la presencia militar estadounidense en nuestra región». (Resistance News Network, 30 de septiembre) ☐

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