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Attica, Haiti, Palestine, Venezuela: The people fight back!



As they have done every month since the U.S. kidnapped Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores on Jan. 3, New York City activists demonstrated outside the Metropolitan Detention Center on Sept. 3 in Brooklyn. The protesters demanded that all charges against Maduro and Flores be dropped immediately and they both be freed and returned to Venezuela. Many groups jointly organized the action.



New York City protest Aug. 28, 2026 against attacks on Haitian migrants. More on page 4.

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The 1971 Attica prison rebellion was brutally crushed under orders from New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller on Sept. 13. More at workers.org/?p=87846



Action for Palestine at Temple University, Philadelphia, Sept. 4, 2026. More on page 4.

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capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the
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Happy Labor Day? Inflation is eating up our paychecks!

Usually around Labor Day weekend, unofficially the end of summer vacation season, travel costs begin to drop.

Not this year. The price of gasoline remains high, up 30% over this time last year. Rising fuel costs have also impacted airfares, up 39% over the same period. Diesel fuel costs have hit record highs. The illegal, unpopular U.S. war against Iran is a factor affecting the cost of transportation.

In fact, rising oil prices, passed on to consumers by profit-driven capitalists, are impacting the cost of everything, from food to utilities to medicine to getting to work and back — i.e., the necessities of life.

This war-related inflation is on top of prices that were already skyrocketing even before this latest act of imperialist aggression.

While oil companies' profits are rising, life for working-class and oppressed people is a never-ending crisis. High prices are compounded by unemployment, underemployment, stagnant or falling wages, union busting, white supremacy and other forms of bigotry, weather-related losses to which the climate catastrophe is a contributor and more. Millions of Black and Brown workers face state terror through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that are splitting apart families and communities.

So many people, especially those facing special oppression of one kind or another, are living paycheck to paycheck. An unexpected event, such as a tornado or a power outage, can push a worker over the edge — financially and psychologically.

And now artificial intelligence (AI), the latest technological weapon in the bosses' war against the working class, threatens to wipe out untold numbers of jobs, raise the costs of electricity and



May Day protests this year around the country, such as this one in Washington, D.C., addressed various issues facing the working class, including terror by agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

water and subject those still working to surveillance in the workplace.

As Workers World Party's First Secretary Larry Holmes wrote in "A perfect storm is coming — World capitalist economic crisis today," published on Sept. 1: "The arrival of AI — which under socialism, could liberate society from many forms of labor and raise both the living standards and social equality for the world's population — under capitalism is a lethal threat to workers everywhere. ... Until capitalism is overthrown, AI will only compound the other overlapping crises that will make life unbearable for most people." (workers.org/?p=94553)

Holmes adds: "And of course, no worker will be safe from the impact of the storm. It's coming after jobs, homes, pensions, savings, even Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. For the mass of the working class, the basic necessities

of life will be unavailable."

None of these crises facing workers and oppressed people — now and even more so when the storm really hits — will be solved by simply electing a more "progressive" politician. To do that we have to overthrow the capitalist system once and for all. □

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Mobilization resists xenophobic and anti-Black attacks

By Jason Cohen
New York City

August 28 — Over 100 community members and militant activists, representing over 40 organizations, flooded Foley Square in downtown Manhattan to protest the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling allowing President Donald Trump to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian and Syrian migrants. This decision removes a major judicial roadblock for the Department of Homeland Security's war against migrant workers, their family members and their communities.

The demonstration was initiated by various Haitian community organizations, such as Rasanbleman Pou Ayiti, Komokoda and Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees. The Haitian community is being specifically targeted by the Trump administration for detention and deportation. From Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raiding Haitian communities throughout the country to



Haitians and supporters protest Supreme Court ruling to deny TPS status. New York City, Aug. 28, 2026.

WW PHOTO: JASON COHEN

Haitians in Ohio being forced to wear ankle monitors and report to ICE offices regularly, the anti-Black and xenophobic character of the war being waged against Haitian communities in the United States is quite clear.

Yet, instead of being intimidated and cowed into silence by this wave of state terrorism, anti-imperialists, students, workers and members of various migrant communities came together to denounce the continuing ICE and Customs and Border Protection raids. They demonstrated solidarity with the Haitian community and all migrant communities currently under siege by the security

forces of the U.S. government. The call to struggle until ICE and CBP are abolished and there is a general amnesty for all migrants in the U.S. was resounding.

Workers World Party, as one of the endorsing organizations, was on the ground and will continue to struggle in solidarity with the Haitian community — against both imperialist aggression target-

ing Haitian sovereignty and the racist and xenophobic attacks facing the diaspora communities now in the U.S.

The ongoing war against migrant communities is a class war imbued with anti-Black racism and bigotry toward all immigrants of color. This has been integral to the founding and development of U.S. settler-imperialist policy. Only through unity among the working class and the oppressed nationalities in the United States will the plans of the imperialist bourgeoisie be thwarted and the ruling class itself be liquidated.

Foley Square is just the beginning! □

Temple students hold march for Palestine

By Joe Piette
Philadelphia

Temple University students held a “Disorientation rally” Sep. 4 for Palestine and against the war profiteers that the University's Board of Trustees and administration support. Temple refuses to disclose investments and contracts the school holds with the military-industrial complex — companies such as Cisco Systems, Day & Zimmermann and the Hanwha group.

As President John Fry's administration at Temple refuses to divest from companies that make genocide in Palestine possible, he extends his project of gentrification and displacement in North Philadelphia.

The billionaires on Temple's Board of Trustees get richer at the same time they claim austerity forces them to fire 40 faculty members.

The protest was a welcome sign that students will not stay quiet as the U.S.-Israeli genocide in Palestine continues, but there are important developments that have a large bearing on Palestine that weren't mentioned.

By not raising the current U.S.-Israeli

occupation of southern Lebanon or the hot imperialist war against Iran, an opportunity was lost to expose U.S. aggression in West Asia that has a large effect on the Palestinian struggle for sovereignty.

Iran has supported the struggle of Palestinians in multiple ways ever since its revolution in 1979, including militarily. No other West Asia government comes close to what Iran has done for the Palestinian struggle for freedom. A major goal of the current U.S. war there, besides gaining access to 10% of the world's total petroleum reserves in Iran, is ending Iran's political and military aid to Palestine.

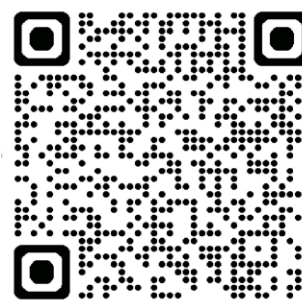
Over half a million Palestinians live in Lebanon, refugees from as far back as the Nakba in 1948, when Zionist paramilitaries violently displaced and dispossessed hundreds of thousands from their homes and land.

Since March, Zionist forces have occupied southern Lebanon up to the Litani River, covering nearly a tenth of Lebanese territory, killing thousands of people, displacing over one million and purposely destroying critical infrastructure, including hospitals, water and power facilities.

As Zionists and imperialists try to eliminate real solidarity with Palestine from Lebanon and Iran, the role of pro-Palestine activists in the U.S. should be to organize opposition to all of these military aggressions that harm the ability of Palestinians to resist and that aim to impose imperialist control of the region and its resources.

U.S. out of West Asia now! □

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Los verdaderos delincuentes

Mientras el presidente n.º 47 sigue liderando la guerra terrorista de su Gobierno contra Irán, junto con su socio menor, el Estado del apartheid de Israel, también está promoviendo una guerra terrorista en el frente interno contra los migrantes procedentes del Sur Global.

Un artículo del *Washington Post* señalaba que, durante el mes de julio, los agentes del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) detuvieron a más de 49.000 migrantes, independientemente de que tuvieran o no antecedentes «penales». (28 de agosto) Innumerables vídeos muestran a matones armados del ICE sacando al arbitrariamente a trabajadores migrantes de sus automóviles y hogares, tirándolos al suelo y aplicándoles descargas con pistolas eléctricas incluso cuando están esposados. A muchos de estos migrantes ni siquiera se les permite mostrar los documentos que poseen y que acreditan su derecho a trabajar y vivir en Estados Unidos con sus familias.

El Congreso asignó 170.000 millones de dólares adicionales al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional en 2025 para formar a más agentes del ICE y de la Patrulla Fronteriza, construir más centros de detención y desarrollar equipos de vigilancia de alta tecnología. Cumplir con una cuota diaria de 2.000 detenciones de migrantes es el principal objetivo del DHS.

Human Rights Watch (25 de junio) documentó que más de 50 migrantes han fallecido bajo custodia desde que el n.º 47 asumió oficialmente el cargo el 20 de enero de 2025 hasta el 4 de junio de 2026. Al menos ocho migrantes han recibido disparos mortales mientras eran detenidos por el ICE desde enero de 2025. (New Americas Now)

Otro aspecto importante de esta campaña de represión contra los migrantes es la cancelación del Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS) para los migrantes que

solicitan asilo político en Estados Unidos debido a la represión, la pobreza extrema o los desastres naturales en su país de origen. La cancelación del TPS afecta a 350.000 migrantes haitianos que ahora se enfrentan a la deportación Estados Unidos. Muchos de los haitianos que están siendo deportados se vieron obligados a venir a Estados Unidos a raíz del devastador terremoto de 2010 en Haití. El primer grupo, compuesto por más de 160 haitianos, fue deportado el 21 de agosto de vuelta a Haití, algunos de ellos encadenados.



Manifestación haitiana en EE.UU. para preservar el Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS). ¡Basta de deportaciones!

FOTO: HAITI LIBERTÉ

Sectores importantes de la economía estadounidense, como la sanidad, la alimentación y la agricultura, se verán gravemente afectados por las deportaciones de trabajadores haitianos y otros migrantes de color, en particular los procedentes de Filipinas.

Los únicos migrantes que no son blanco de ICE son los 7.000 sudafricanos blancos, a quienes la administración racista de EE. UU. anima a venir y acoge con los brazos abiertos.

¡La solidaridad es clave!

La criminalidad de los agentes del ICE al invadir barrios enteros, colegios, restaurantes y aeropuertos ha generado una oleada de amplia solidaridad con los migrantes. Los residentes estadounidenses han organizado sus propias formas de alertar a sus amigos y vecinos migrantes

de la presencia de los matones del ICE. La comunidad jurídica informa a los migrantes de sus derechos si el ICE llama a la puerta de sus hogares o de sus lugares de trabajo. Los simpatizantes locales organizan manifestaciones y concentraciones para exigir la abolición del ICE.

Residentes solidarios han llegado incluso a dar la vida en defensa de los migrantes. Por ejemplo, Renée Nicole Good y Alex Pretti, quienes no representaban ninguna amenaza cuando fueron abatidos a tiros por agentes del ICE el pasado mes de enero en Minneapolis.

Esta administración pretende crear un clima xenófobo de miedo contra los migrantes procedentes de países en desarrollo que, durante décadas, han visto cómo el imperialismo saqueaba sus economías. Independientemente de su ubicación o condición social, los migrantes de todo el mundo tienen un enemigo común — la clase dominante multimillonaria y su aparato represivo, como el ICE — y un aliado común: toda la clase trabajadora mundial.

La solidaridad en todos los frentes debe seguir creciendo e intensificándose en favor de los migrantes y de todos los oprimidos. ¡Una agresión contra uno es una agresión contra todos! □

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