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Ban on Macklemore draws global attention to Palestine

Attempt to ban rapper Macklemore boomerangs against Israeli genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and U.S.-based supporters of the Israeli state. Palestinian artists paint mural in Gaza with the message: 'Thank you for using your voice for Palestine, Macklemore.' (See page 4)



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A coalition of Pan-African and anti-imperialist organizations under the leadership of the December 12th Movement rallied on Sept. 19 at the United Nations headquarters in lower Manhattan in support of Zimbabwe, whose representatives will be attending the current 81st session of the General Assembly.

— Report by Omowale Clay, Chairman, Dec. 12th Movement



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Walmart workers in Mississauga, Ontario, won union recognition in September 2024. They just became the first workers in North America to win a contract with Walmart.

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No free speech at the White House

President #47 continued his attacks on basic bourgeois democracy this week by banning journalists with CNN, MS NOW and Politico. Guards confiscated their badges Sept. 19 when they attempted to enter the White House.

This is not the first time Trump has curtailed freedom of the press. As the New York Times reported: “The Justice Department has sent FBI agents to reporters’ homes to serve subpoenas and, in at least one case, flashed a warrant to seize devices. The Pentagon has fired the editor and publisher of its traditionally independent newspaper, Stars And Stripes. ... Angry over stories he does not like, President Trump has sued major news organizations, and the White House has taken control of the previously independent press pool that tracks the president, deciding which outlets can participate.” (Sept. 12)

This latest move by #47 provoked howls of indignation from bourgeois politicians and media, calling the president’s new restrictions illegal and unconstitutional. “No news organization — or person — should be retaliated against by the government over the words they use,” Lauren Easton, a spokeswoman for The Associated Press, complained. The Times and the Washington Post blasted the attack on freedom of speech and of the press.

Politicians joining in on the condemnation of Trump included Senators Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and Chuck Schumer. House Rep. Jamie Raskin called on the media to boycott the White House if the president does not reverse his ban.

Even Fox News contributors criticized #47; one, Jonathan Turley, said, “Barring disfavored media from the White House is a terrible precedent and practice.” (New York Times, Sept. 19)

Fox later backtracked, with opinion show host Joey Jones saying, in reference to the ban, he wouldn’t “shed a tear over it.” (mediate.com, Sept. 20)

Free speech for some, not others

These same politicians and media sources have been silent over the McCarthy-like attacks on genuinely progressive organizations by the Justice Dept., which attempt to criminalize opposition to the U.S. blockade of Cuba and to the war against Iran. They remain silent on the horrific massacres, starvation and other forms of inhumane treatment in Gaza, refusing to call it a genocide.

All this is taking place at the same time that Paramount is trying to take over Warner Bros. Discovery, which would place CNN under the same umbrella as CBS, which is controlled by Trump allies Larry Ellison and his son David Ellison.

What concerns them now in the cases of CNN, MS NOW and Politico? Maybe the Times, the Post, AP and Democratic politicians are worried that #47 is going too far. Maybe they even fear being the next target of his fascist, anti-democratic politics.



Protest outside CBS after takeover by Ellison family in Philadelphia, Aug. 31, 2025.

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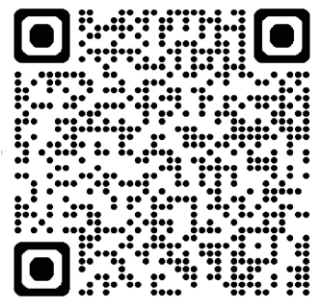
Trump, a billionaire himself and a pal of some of the world’s richest men, such as Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, is the face of end-stage capitalism. His fascist leanings reflect the fact that the system is in distress — and it is the capitalist class, not just Trump, that react to their declining fortunes like wild, rabid beasts.

What these phony civil liberties advocates really want, whether or not they realize it, is a return to an earlier stage of capitalism. They favor a scenario where imperialist expansion gave the ruling class the security to grant a larger measure of democratic freedom and debate between its different wings.

Workers World condemns these latest right-wing attacks on free speech. But this paper doesn’t want to go back to “the good old days” of Constitutional freedoms for liberals and moderates — as well as conservatives and even fascists, which bourgeois liberals consistently defend.

The only guarantee against a fascist future is to get rid of capitalism and build a socialist economy. □

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Ban on Macklemore and Palestine backfires

By Monica Moorehead

As the ongoing genocide in Gaza approaches its third anniversary on October 7, the Zionist State of Israel suffered another major blow to its already tarnished image with the banning of a 43-year-old U.S. rap artist and songwriter, Benjamin Hammond Haggerty, popularly known as Macklemore, from a tour headed by another popular singer, Ed Sheeran.

The reason for the ban? Macklemore's public support for the end of the genocide against the Palestinian people. Whenever Macklemore performs on stage, he raises "Free Palestine" while usually wearing a keffiyah or waving the Palestinian flag. So many of his fans are also pro-Palestine. He had made pro-Palestine remarks at a concert in MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on Sept. 14.

Sheeran did not say one word to oppose the banning but instead issued a weak statement about how important it is for him to remain "apolitical" by not taking sides. You cannot get any more cowardly than not taking a strong position when a living, breathing genocide against an oppressed people is taking place for the entire world to witness.

The notorious billionaire owner of the New England Patriots, Robert Kraft, called on National Football League owners to ban Macklemore from ever performing in their stadiums. Not only is Kraft a billionaire, but to add insult to injury, he is also virulently pro-Zionist, a misogynist and anti-Black Lives Matter.

Other owners have agreed to prevent Macklemore from performing at NFL venues in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Charlotte, North Carolina, Tampa and Arlington, Texas.

Kraft was close friends with the late pedophile Jeffrey Epstein. He was a vocal opponent of former San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick when in 2016 the Black signal caller ignited a year-long protest against police brutality by taking a knee during the playing of the racist, militaristic national anthem before NFL games.

Kraft led the charge, along with other billionaires such as Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones, of not only banning Kaepernick from ever playing again but also threatening their respective players with fines and expulsions if they also took a knee in solidarity with Kaepernick's cause.

Kraft's attack boomerangs

Kraft's attack on Macklemore has created a chain reaction that he and the other NFL owners did not expect. The most important reaction came from the opening acts on tour who voluntarily boycotted performing with Sheeran in solidarity with Macklemore. These acts include: Beoga — the acclaimed Irish band that has toured extensively with Sheeran and was serving as his house/backing band; Finneas — the Grammy- and Oscar-winning singer well-known for producing and co-writing much of his sister Billie Eilish's music; Aaron Rowe — an Irish singer-songwriter; and Lukas Graham — the Danish band behind the huge global hit "7 Years."

There are reports that ticket sales for the Sheeran tour have dropped dramatically since abandonment by these acts. Tickets for a Sept. 19 concert in Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia were reduced by 50% and fans are asking Ticketmaster for refunds. Several pro-Palestinian groups demonstrated outside Sheeran's concert.

Kraft stated that he was donating \$2 million to groups "in the region," but according to The Intercept, those groups turned out to be Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces and the American Israeli Political Action Committee. (Sept. 20)

Macklemore has pledged \$1 million to six Palestinian aid groups.

Macklemore's stance has even reached the people of Gaza where children sent video messages of love and solidarity to him for not forgetting the besieged occupied Palestinian masses. Palestinian artists painted a mural on a building surrounded by destroyed infrastructure in Gaza of Macklemore wrapped in a Palestinian flag with the message: "Thank you for using your voice for Palestine, Macklemore."



Mayor Abdullah Hammond of Dearborn, Michigan, made the following appeal: "Hey [Macklemore], if they don't want you performing in their stadiums, you're always welcome in Dearborn. Come put

on a show here. We'll make it a free concert, sponsored by the City, and help make it one of the best around. We stand with you and for a free Palestine." (Truthout, Sept. 15) Dearborn is home to the highest concentration of Arab people in the U.S. at 40%.

'Free Palestine'

Celebrities such as Susan Sarandon, Javier Bardem, Hannah Einbinder, Mark Ruffalo, Annie Lennox and lesser known ones such as the musicians who sided with Macklemore have refused to be silenced, even at the risk of losing work, on the issue of Palestine. WW salutes them along with the millions of people around the world who protest in the streets, shut down pro-Israeli defense industries, disrupt pro-Zionist speakers and more to show solidarity in every way possible with the Palestinian struggle for liberation and self-determination.

Macklemore's statement on his Facebook page includes the following excerpt: "With everything that has happened over the past 48 hours, I want to bring the conversation back to where it belongs: to the Palestinian people who are still being killed, living under military occupation and still fighting for their freedom.

"A Palestinian life is no less valuable than any other life on this earth. Palestinians have lived for decades without basic rights and should not have to wait another day to be free. That is where my focus will remain. I will continue to stand with the Palestinian people and their right to liberation. When the news cycle moves on, which it will, don't move with it. Free Palestine!" □



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«¡Yemen, Yemen, háganos sentir orgullosos!»

Se han escuchado numerosos cánticos militantes en las manifestaciones de solidaridad con Palestina desde que comenzó la última oleada de genocidio sionista tras el 7 de octubre de 2023. Uno de ellos ha sido: «¡Yemen, Yemen, háganos sentir orgullosos; hagan que otro barco dé media vuelta!». Los palestinos aplaudieron el bloqueo de los barcos israelíes llevado a cabo por la fuerza de resistencia yemení, Ansarullah.

Ahora hay otro motivo para sentirse orgullosos del pueblo de Yemen. Ansarullah ha liberado el puerto de Moca, cerca del estrecho de Bab al-Mandeb, que conecta el mar Rojo con el océano Índico.

El control de este punto estratégico proporcionará a las fuerzas pro-palestinas y pro-iraníes una ventaja adicional frente al imperialismo estadounidense e Israel. Washington y el Estado sionista habían considerado Bab al-Mandeb como una ruta marítima alternativa al estrecho de Ormuz, donde Irán ha restringido los envíos de petróleo hacia y desde las potencias imperialistas y los Estados que apoyan los ataques imperialistas.

El flujo de petróleo a través del estrecho de Ormuz sigue estando muy por debajo de los niveles previos a la guerra.

«Dado que los hutíes [Ansarullah] han tomado el control del puerto de

Moca, en el mar Rojo (Yemen), los recientes acontecimientos aumentan la amenaza para la navegación en torno al estrecho de Bab al-Mandeb», se quejaron Warren Patterson y Ewa Manthey,

de ING. ING es una institución financiera global. (CNBC, 11 de septiembre)

En todo Yemen, la población celebra la victoria frente a las fuerzas aliadas con Arabia Saudí, que ha sometido al país a más de una década de terror. Ansarullah controla ahora amplias zonas de la costa occidental de Yemen, además del puerto de Moca.

Una declaración publicada en la página de Instagram de Shia Online Community reza en parte: «Familias, jóvenes y simpatizantes se reunieron en manifestaciones masivas, reafirmando su respaldo al liderazgo y comprometándose a seguir prestando apoyo en forma de personal, recursos y determinación.

Se liberó a los prisioneros, se recuperó territorio y un sentimiento de soberanía restaurada inundó el ambiente.

«Durante años, el pueblo de Yemen ha soportado el peso del conflicto, el bloqueo y la intervención extranjera. Esta noche, las celebraciones reflejan la resiliencia, la unidad y la convicción de

que la tierra y su pueblo no se doblegarán. Desde las plazas de Saná hasta las ciudades costeras, el mensaje es claro: Yemen se mantiene firme, sus combatientes han avanzado y el espíritu de



Localización de Moca en Yemen

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resistencia sigue vivo con fuerza».

Mundo Obrero felicita a Ansarullah por esta victoria militar. Sabemos que no ha sido fácil. Cualquier victoria contra el imperialismo en cualquier parte del mundo supone un impulso para los trabajadores y los pueblos oprimidos de EE.UU. y de todo el mundo.

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