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United JBS meatpackers win contract!

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Denver

There was 99% unity of 3,800 workers to walk out on March 16 and strike for three weeks against the JBS beef packing plant in Greeley, Colorado. The threat of a fourth week brought the union and management back to the negotiating table and resulted in a new contract on April 13 with raises and company-paid safety equipment.

The plant is one of the largest in an industry which has not had a strike in over 40 years. This was the first strike at the JBS beef plant. The strike resulted from eight months of unproductive negotiations. This courageous job action was led by a majority migrant workforce facing fierce federal government repression against immigrants.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7 announced that the contract, which needs to be ratified by the workers, gives workers $1.50 per hour pay increases by April 2027 and a $750 bonus with the ratification. Workers will also receive a one-time payment of $500 in April 2027.

In the past decades the meatpacking industries have moved out of the major U.S. cities into small, isolated farming and fracking towns. They hire immigrants whose immigration status is precarious and in the past undocumented and have even used illegal child labor for which JBS was fined.

The majority of workers are documented now, but Haitians with Temporary Protected Status never know from day to day if they will be detained and/or deported, as their TPS, has been unpredictably revoked by the Trump administration and reinstated more recently by a court.

Meat cutting plants have very high levels of worker injuries. The conditions are cold and wet, and the line speeds are fast. Exposure to animal blood, feces and diseases are a threat to worker health. According to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 30 out of 100 workers are injured in a year.

Workers complained of low wages and minimal raises and at the same time were charged by JBS as much as $1,100 for safety equipment to protect themselves or to replace worn equipment. The new contract states that these costs are to be paid by the company. ☐

Striking workers outside JBS plant in March 2026.

Demonstrators take to the streets to oppose Trump's war against Iran, Philadelphia, Apr. 7, 2026 – see editorial p. 3

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Movement must stay vigilant

Stop U.S.-Israeli wars now!

April 12 — The past several days have witnessed many ups and downs — first and foremost for the people of Iran and Lebanon, but also for peace-loving people everywhere. On April 5, Trump had threatened to bomb Iran "back to the Stone Ages." On April 7, he delivered an extreme ultimatum on social media: "A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again" if the Strait of Hormuz was not reopened to any and all traffic. (pbs.org, April 7)

Then came the about-face as Iran remained firm in the face of these imperialist threats — as it has since the current U.S.-Israeli assault started on Feb. 28. On the evening of April 7, the U.S. and Iran announced that they had both agreed to a two-week ceasefire proposed by Pakistani officials. Trump said that Iran's 10-point proposal constituted a "workable basis on which to negotiate." (aljazeera.com, April 9)

On April 11, high-level representatives of the Iranian and U.S. governments began holding ceasefire talks in Pakistan. Participants included Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi as well as U.S. Vice President JD Vance. After 21 hours of talks, Vance announced that no agreement had been reached.

The 10 points of Iran's peace proposal, posted on the Iran in India X account, are:

- Non-aggression
- Continuation of Iran's control over the Strait of Hormuz
- Acceptance of [Iran's nuclear] enrichment
- Lifting all primary sanctions
- Lifting all secondary sanctions
- Termination of all United Nations Security Council resolutions [against Iran]
- Termination of all [International Atomic Energy Agency] Board of Governors resolutions [against Iran]
- Payment of compensation [reparations] to Iran
- Withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from the region
- Cessation of war on all fronts, including against the heroic Islamic Resistance of Lebanon.

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The anti-war movement must continue to demonstrate in defense of Iran, Lebanon and Palestine. New York City, April 8, 2026.

Iran's demands are more than reasonable.

But less than 24 hours later, Israel blatantly violated the ceasefire, intensifying its bombing of Lebanon and killing over 300 civilians and injuring 1,150 on April 8 alone. So Trump and Israel's leaders tried to say the ceasefire didn't apply to Lebanon, where the Israeli offensive has killed over 2,000 people and displaced 1.2 million. As late as April 11, Israel was still bombing Lebanon.

Despite Israel's genocidal war in Lebanon, Hezbollah fighters are heroically defending the country's sovereignty.

Iran disagreed, saying yes the ceasefire must include Lebanon and made sure the bottleneck at the Strait of Hormuz reappeared.

It's not clear what will happen in the next weeks or beyond. But one thing should be certain in the minds of solidarity activists: Remain vigilant! Stay in the streets and keep demanding that the U.S. and its proxy, Zionist, apartheid state end their wars in Iran, Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen and all of West Asia.

Many demonstrations called before the ceasefire announcement went ahead as planned. **That's a good thing.** With so many uncertainties and so much in flux, the antiwar movement can't afford to rest.

Even the limited goal of stopping the war against the peoples of Lebanon and Iran requires a constant expansion of mass participation in antiwar mobilizations plus more direct actions that interfere with imperialist war plans.

Ultimately, to force a permanent end to imperialist wars altogether, the working class will have to overthrow the system of imperialism — which is an advanced stage of capitalism and clearly in decline. Iran has been able to push imperialism back. That's good for working-class and oppressed people in the U.S. and around the world.

Imperialist hands off Iran and Lebanon! Stop the U.S.-Israeli wars now!

Defend the Axis of Resistance against imperialism!

And also, defend the working class in the U.S. from the criminals in the government and the capitalist class they represent! □

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Automatic draft registration: What does it mean?

By Benny Schaft

The news of automatic registration in the Selective Service System for young men between 18 and 26 years old shocked many. Since the news came as the U.S. was launching a major war with Iran, it felt like the military draft was about to be reinstated. Enlistment in the U.S. military would no longer be a career choice but an unpleasant and dangerous requirement.

The report — as of now — is that by December of 2026, any eligible men in the United States will be automatically registered for the draft. There has been no military draft, that is, conscription, in the U.S. for 53 years. The draft officially ended in January 1973, after most U.S. troops had been withdrawn from Vietnam.

These young people enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces. The current government has taken steps that could lead to reinstatement of the military draft.

The end of the draft was due largely to the revolutionary resistance carried out by the working-class youth who were a leading force in the antiwar movement of the 1960s and 1970s, from rebellions on campus to resistance by troops in Vietnam. Troops organized actions that disrupted the war machine, anything from displaying symbolic messages against war to killing officers by rolling fragmentation grenades into their tents to joining the Vietnamese revolutionaries in their fight for liberation.

Revolutionary antiwar movements have been present in other wars. During World War I, the first imperialist world war, there was a surge in revolutionary action taken by people in the U.S. It included organizations like the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and the Socialist Party of America, whose leader Eugene Debs was infamously arrested in 1918 for telling the truth about the war.

In a speech in Canton, Ohio, on June 16, 1918, Debs said: "The master class has always declared the wars, the subject class has always fought the battles. The subject class has had nothing to gain and all to lose, especially their lives." (Zinn Education Project)

What the movements in 1918 and 1968 had in common was not only their opposition to the war but also their opposition to the draft. Both exposed what the military draft really is — a system to continue the exploitation of the people, to send them off to their deaths so that capitalism can survive and continue to exploit. It wasn't the ruling class that ended the draft in 1973; it was the will and struggle of the people that forced them to end it.

And what replaced it, the volunteer system for a professional military, had its own predatory character. The new system allowed the ruling class to use the material needs of working-class youth for jobs and an income to push them into the military where they might have to kill or be killed. Some people called it an economic draft.

It's a ruling-class policy

So now, with all of this said, you're wondering how we make sense of the possible reinstatement of a military draft and what we do about it. The most important thing we must recognize is that the decision to bring back the draft and what's going to happen in December is not merely a Trump policy or a Republican Party policy. It is a capitalist policy.

The draft will only be reinstated if a sector of the ruling class and its political and military representatives recognize that their system is in decline, and they are ready to take desperate military measures to restore their world dominance.

It's why we're seeing the MAGA regime take the mask off of U.S. imperialist domination and publicly embrace fascist tactics.

To stop the draft from being reinstated, we must organize and educate the people, because these two things are essential when dealing with a situation like this. We recognize that when the Pentagon employs the military draft, it needs to keep the working class so disorganized and uneducated that they will believe the war propaganda.

If they succeed, it can make people believe that the war or other atrocities the capitalists are committing is somehow justifiable and in their best interest, when in reality it is to make the people willing to kill and die for the capitalists' interests.

That's why we must educate and organize ourselves and the people around us. We must break down every piece of what the draft means, if necessary. If it means taking to the streets in demonstration, even if the state attempts to intimidate us, then we must do it. Because we cannot allow ourselves, especially now, to be propagandized into turning weapons against our siblings in the Global South, who have already paid for their resistance to imperialism with their lives. □

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El movimiento debe mantenerse alerta

¡Detengamos ya las guerras de EE.UU. e Israel!

12 de abril – Los últimos días han sido testigos de muchos altibajos, sobre todo para los pueblos de Irán y el Líbano, pero también para las personas amantes de la paz de todo el mundo. El 5 de abril, Trump amenazó con bombardear Irán hasta «devolverlo a la Edad de Piedra». El 7 de abril lanzó un ultimátum extremo en las redes sociales: «Esta noche morirá toda una civilización, para no volver jamás» si el estrecho de Ormuz no se reabría a todo tipo de tráfico. (pbs.org, 7 de abril)

Luego se produjo un giro de 180 grados, ya que Irán se mantuvo firme ante estas amenazas imperialistas —tal y como lo ha hecho desde que comenzó el actual ataque estadounidense-israelí el 28 de febrero. En la tarde del 7 de abril, Estados Unidos e Irán anunciaron que ambos habían acordado un alto el fuego de dos semanas propuesto por funcionarios pakistaníes. Trump afirmó que la propuesta de diez puntos de Irán constituía una «base viable sobre la que negociar». (aljazeera.com, 9 de abril)

El 11 de abril, representantes de alto nivel de los Gobiernos iraní y estadounidense comenzaron a mantener conversaciones de alto el fuego en Pakistán. Entre los participantes se encontraban el presidente del Parlamento iraní, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, y el ministro de Asuntos Exteriores, Abbas Araghchi, así como el vicepresidente estadounidense, JD Vance. Tras 21 horas de conversaciones, Vance anunció que no se había alcanzado ningún acuerdo.

Los diez puntos de la propuesta de paz de Irán, publicados en la cuenta de Instagram «Iran in India X», son:

- No agresión
- Mantenimiento del control de Irán sobre el estrecho de Ormuz
- Aceptación del enriquecimiento [nuclear de Irán]
- Levantamiento de todas las sanciones primarias
- Levantamiento de todas las sanciones secundarias
- Derogación de todas las resoluciones del Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas [contra Irán]
- Anulación de todas las resoluciones de la Junta de Gobernadores [del Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica] [contra Irán]
- Pago de una indemnización [reparaciones] a Irán
- Retirada de las fuerzas de combate estadounidenses de la región
- Cese de la guerra en todos los frentes, incluida la guerra contra la heroica Resistencia Islámica del Líbano.

Las exigencias de Irán son más que razonables.

Pero menos de 24 horas después, Israel violó descaradamente el alto el fuego, intensificando sus bombardeos sobre el Líbano y matando a más de 300 civiles e hiriendo a 1.150 solo el 8 de abril. Así que Trump e Israel intentaron decir que el alto el fuego no se aplicaba al Líbano, donde la ofensiva israelí ha matado a 1.800 personas y desplazado a 1,2 millones. Aún el 11 de abril, Israel seguía bombardeando el Líbano.

A pesar de la guerra genocida de Israel en el Líbano, los combatientes de Hezbolá están defendiendo heroicamente la soberanía del país.

Irán no estuvo de acuerdo, afirmando que sí, que el alto el fuego debía incluir al Líbano, y se aseguró de que reapareciera el cuello de botella en el estrecho de Ormuz.

No está claro qué sucederá en las próximas semanas o más allá. Pero hay algo que debe quedar claro en la mente de los activistas solidarios: ¡manténganse alerta! Salgan a la calle y sigan exigiendo que Estados Unidos y su estado sionista y de apartheid, que actúa como su representante, pongan fin a sus guerras en Irán, el Líbano, Palestina, Yemen y toda Asia Occidental.

Muchas manifestaciones convocadas antes del anuncio del alto el fuego se llevaron a cabo según lo previsto. Eso es algo positivo. Con tantas incertidumbres y tanta fluctuación, el movimiento contra la guerra no puede permitirse descansar.

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El movimiento debe seguir manifestándose en apoyo de Irán, el Líbano y Palestina. Arriba: Nueva York, 8 de abril de 2026.

Incluso el objetivo limitado de detener la guerra contra los pueblos del Líbano e Irán requiere una expansión constante de la participación masiva en las movilizaciones contra la guerra, además de más acciones directas que interfieran en los planes de guerra imperialistas.

En última instancia, para forzar un fin definitivo de todas las guerras imperialistas, la clase trabajadora tendrá que derrocar el sistema del imperialismo — que es una etapa avanzada del capitalismo y está claramente en declive. Irán ha sido capaz de hacer retroceder al imperialismo. Eso es bueno para la clase trabajadora y los pueblos oprimidos de EE. UU. y de todo el mundo.

¡Manos imperialistas fuera de Irán y del Líbano! ¡Detengan ya las guerras de EE.UU. e Israel!

¡Defiendan el Eje de la Resistencia contra el imperialismo!

¡Y defiendan también a la clase trabajadora de EE. UU. de los criminales del Gobierno y de la clase capitalista a la que representan! ❑

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