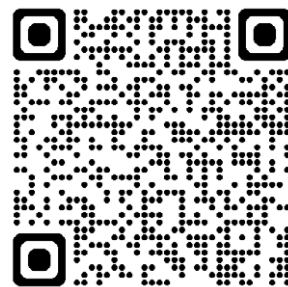


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Philly to Palestine – Free all prisoners!

By Marta Guttenberg
Philadelphia

On April 18, a clear, warm spring afternoon, over 75 people rallied in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in upscale Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, covering the lawn with small red triangles with messages to the hundreds of Palestinians facing the threat of death by hanging in Israel. Participants cheered on several fiery speakers who condemned the genocidal death penalty for Palestinian hostages, making the clear connection to Death by Incarceration in Pennsylvania prisons and in imperialist torture dungeons around the world. □



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Demonstrators for Mumia march in West Philadelphia, April 25, 2026. Mumia Week 2026 took place from April 19-25. Read the [report online](#).

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& IMPERIALISM

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Palestinian Resistance starts with the youth

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editorial

This coming October 7 will mark the third anniversary of the historic Al-Aqsa Flood initiated by the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas and its allied organizations against the U.S.-backed Zionist regime of Israel. Since that time, the people of Gaza have experienced hell on earth with a genocide by the Israeli Occupying Force (IOF). The IOF has massacred tens of thousands of Palestinians and is responsible for the destruction of at least 80% of Palestine's infrastructure, including homes, hospitals, schools and fields.

The population of Gaza continues to be starved due to an Israeli blockade of humanitarian aid. Hamas reported on April 21 that "over 2.25 million Gazans lack the most basic necessities of life." (Hamas Online English Mirror)

Close to 10,000 Palestinian prisoners, including youth, are being abused and tortured. Many of them are now threatened by the Israeli state with "legal" lynching by hanging without any formal charges.

Palestinian children are not immune from this genocide. In fact, they are specifically targeted since the Zionists' goal is the erasure of future generations of resistance fighters who struggle to liberate their stolen land. This erasure was the longtime goal by Zionist terrorists years before the state of Israel was officially established in May of 1948.

Doctors who have traveled to Gaza witnessed many Palestinian children being killed by horrific gunshots to the head. And these killings were not accidental, but rather part of a deliberate policy of the fascistic Israeli military.

A youth tradition of resistance

Under Israel's occupation, children have always played a role in the resistance, a role that was mainly hidden from most of the world until Oct. 29, 2000. That was the day when 11-year-old Faris Odeh was photographed throwing a single stone at a gigantic Israeli tank in Gaza. This heroic



Palestinian children demand their right to education, April 20, 2026, West Bank.



Occupied West Bank, April 20, 2026.

act helped to expose to millions of people worldwide the horrendous conditions that exist under apartheid and that the spirit of resistance knows no age limit. Ten days after the photo was taken, Odeh was killed with a bullet to the neck.

Since that time, countless children have demonstrated various forms of resistance.

Fast forward to April 20 of this year, when Palestinian children attempting to walk a certain path to attend school in the area of Um il-Khair in the occupied West Bank were tear gassed by the IOF. On the same day, the soldiers put up barbed wire, hoping to scare the children away. But this cowardly act had the opposite effect on children determined to go to school, despite the fact that their beloved teacher, Awdan Hathaleen, was murdered by a Zionist settler last July.

The courageous children brought signs to place inside the barbed wire that included slogans such as "Protect Our Children," "We Love School" and "Protect Our Right to Education." The children boldly decided to open their own makeshift

school right at the barbed wire fence in the face of these masked armed thugs. The name of the school is Um il-Khair Freedom School.

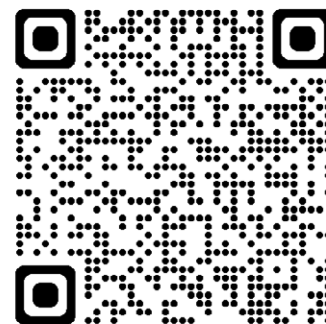
The children stated that they will continue their studies every day until the barbed wire is removed. During the first Intifada [Uprising] in 1987, Palestinian schools were banned by occupation orders.

These children are risking their lives every day to demand their right to an education and, more importantly, their right to exist as human beings. And while the Israeli military puts on a menacing display, it is really a facade to conceal their fear of how deep the Palestinian Resistance runs — starting with the children.

These children and many more like them have drawn their inspiration from the resilience and heroism of resistance, past and present, that burns like a fierce fire within them.

Workers World salutes the message from these students, who say, "We will not leave," reflecting the sentiment of the entire besieged Palestinian people who have told the Zionists and U.S. imperialism: We will not be forced to leave our homeland. From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! □

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Philly City Council passes ICE OUT bills

By Joe Piette

After months of community outreach and growing popular support, on April 23, the Philadelphia City Council, with a 15-2 majority, passed a series of bills called ICE OUT. The bills make it legally harder for city officials, agencies and police to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The seven-bill package, introduced in January by Councilmembers Kendra Brooks and Rue Landau, with support from immigrant rights groups, was designed to:

- Codify the city's policy of not complying with ICE detainer requests, in which federal agents request that local jails help facilitate the arrest of people suspected of being unauthorized immigrants, unless the agency secures judicial warrants.
- Ban ICE agents from wearing masks to hide their identities or using unmarked vehicles in public and require badge display.
- Prohibit collaboration with ICE under state and local law enforcement 287(g) programs that delegate specific ICE duties to local officers.
- Stop sharing personal data on citizenship or immigration status with ICE.
- Ban discrimination based on immigration status in housing, employment and public accommodations.
- Require judicial warrants for ICE access to city-owned facilities, including libraries, hospitals and recreation centers.
- Ban ICE raids on city property.

The bills will enshrine Philadelphia's "sanctuary" status and constitute one of the toughest local restrictions on federal immigration enforcement in the U.S.

Building community support

Several events were held leading up to the Council's passage of this bill. Immigrants and workers from migrant solidarity groups, including Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition, rallied in Love Park on April 11 to support the ICE OUT package, prior to an initial April 13 City Council hearing on the bill.

Participants noted that the Trump administration is targeting immigrants, ripping

families apart and terrorizing communities. ICE is operating with no accountability — targeting people at work, at markets, in churches, schools, hospitals and courthouses, scaring communities and neighbors into the shadows and making everyone less safe. City Hall must act, and this legislation is how people in Philadelphia protect their communities.



Philadelphia City Council passed ICE OUT legislation and the Safe Healthy Homes Act, April 23, 2026. WWW PHOTO: JOE PIETTE

Crowds filled City Council hearings all day on April 13, often chanting "ICE out!" and testifying for the ICE OUT bills. At day's end, a majority of Council members voted "yes" to advance the legislation to the April 23 vote at the City Council meeting.

ICE OUT of Courts press conference

Members of the ICE Out of Courts Coalition held an important press conference and rally in support of the legislation outside of the Criminal Justice Center (CJC) on April 21. They specifically called out the First Judicial District (FJD) leadership's recent refusal to update existing court policy to protect residents from civil immigration arrests at local courthouses. The FJD is the judicial body governing Philadelphia County, consisting of the Court of Common Pleas, Municipal Court and Traffic Court.

For years, community organizations, civil rights organizations and advocates on the ground have noted a disturbing trend of immigration agents using local courthouses as ambush sites. Dozens of individuals, including defendants, victims and witnesses have been impacted, with recent reports confirming activity has extended to family court. There have been continued reports of aggressive and deceptive ICE agent tactics at CJC, including five arrests in the last two weeks, including that of a 76-year-old crime victim.

Courthouse arrests are especially troubling as they instill fear and discourage Philadelphia residents who could be racially profiled from appearing in court while also undermining the due process rights of immigrant communities who are detained in the midst of their legal proceedings. Despite model policies being introduced in other U.S. cities, local judicial leadership denied the coalition's request to update existing policy, even as the city-level legislative package advanced out of a committee hearing earlier this week.

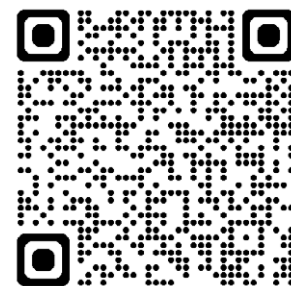
Organizers called on FJD leadership and the Sheriff's Department to take urgent, public steps to revise and expand existing policy to better address abusive ICE tactics at local courthouses. The ICE Out of Courts press conference and rally featured speakers from the Defender Association, Asian Americans United, Juntos, the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and No ICE Philly.

In an important act of solidarity during her statement to the large press contingent at the April 21 rally, a Juntos speaker twice called for the release of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal, whose 72nd birthday was being celebrated later in the week.

At the same April 23 legislative session, the City Council passed the Safe Healthy Homes Act which strengthens tenants' rights to safe and secure housing while holding irresponsible landlords accountable.

The ICE OUT legislation now heads to Mayor Cherelle Parker's desk. The mayor can sign the proposals into law, allow them to become law without her signature or veto them. Parker has never vetoed a bill. □

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En el Primero de Mayo de 2026

¡Resiste el imperialismo estadounidense!

DECLARACIÓN DEL M.O.

Desde sus orígenes en 1886 en Estados Unidos, el Primero de Mayo —declarado Día Internacional de los Trabajadores en una conferencia socialista celebrada en 1889— ha sido conmemorado por millones de trabajadores, especialmente en el Sur Global, con huelgas, concentraciones, marchas y otros actos de protesta militante contra la explotación capitalista y el saqueo imperialista.

Este año, en Estados Unidos, la federación AFL-CIO ha lanzado un llamamiento nacional para llevar a cabo acciones el Primero de Mayo en numerosas ciudades, lo que supone un paso progresista. Sin embargo, Mundo Obrero afirma que este llamamiento no alcanza lo necesario para vincular todas las cuestiones con la actual crisis bélica.

El Primero de Mayo nació de la lucha de clases: la lucha de la clase obrera explotada que lucha por mejores condiciones laborales frente a la clase explotadora de los patronos.

Pero dado que todas las cuestiones son cuestiones de los trabajadores, ¿cómo puede cualquier convocatoria para el Primero de Mayo ignorar lo que está ocurriendo en Asia Occidental y que en estos momentos se centra en la guerra de EE. UU. contra Irán? El Primero de Mayo es una oportunidad perfecta para demostrar que existe una diferencia de clase entre estar en

general en contra de las guerras y ser anti-imperialista —una diferencia que muestra de qué lado de la guerra se está.

La guerra de EE. UU. e Israel contra Irán

El 28 de febrero, la administración MAGA y su aliado, el Estado ilegal sionista y apartheid de Israel, declararon la guerra al país soberano de Irán al masacrar a cerca de 170 niños que asistían a la escuela en Minab, Irán. También asesinaron al querido líder islámico, Seyyed Ali Jamenei. EE. UU. cometió estos crímenes de guerra mientras supuestamente negociaba con Irán.

Irán ha estado en el punto de mira del imperialismo estadounidense durante casi 50 años, desde que su pueblo llevó a cabo una revolución en 1979 y recuperó el control legítimo de su petróleo y otros recursos preciosos de las garras coloniales de

los especuladores petroleros británicos y estadounidenses. Estados Unidos e Israel han puesto a Irán en su punto de mira por el apoyo material constante de este país a la liberación de la Palestina ocupada.

Citando la Carta de las Naciones Unidas (artículo 51), Irán atacó bases e instalaciones militares estadounidenses ubicadas en toda Asia Occidental, así como la principal ciudad de Israel, Tel Aviv. Al mismo tiempo, Irán estableció el control del estrecho de Ormuz, lo que convierte a Irán en el guardián del 20 % de las exportaciones mundiales de petróleo y gas natural.

Desde el 28 de febrero, el Gobierno de EE. UU. ha malgastado miles de millones de dólares en una guerra criminal que ha provocado un aumento de los precios de la gasolina y una enorme subida de los

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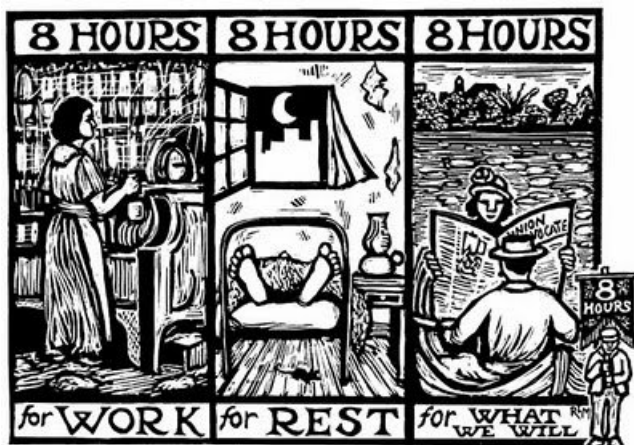


Manifestación del Primero de Mayo, Filadelfia, 2021.

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La principal reivindicación del Primero de Mayo de 1886: ocho horas de trabajo, ocho horas de descanso y ocho horas de tiempo libre.

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costes de los alimentos, los fertilizantes y otros bienes esenciales en todo el mundo, incluido nuestro propio país.

Nuestro enemigo es el imperialismo, no Irán

Cada vez que los trabajadores y los pueblos oprimidos del mundo se hartan de que los intereses corporativos y bancarios destruyan sus economías locales con exigencias fiscales, salarios bajos o agresiones militares, el régimen estadounidense afirma falsamente que los gobiernos de esos pueblos son una «amenaza para la seguridad nacional [de EE. UU.]». Esta estrategia se utiliza para justificar que cada vez más dinero de los contribuyentes estadounidenses se desvíe hacia el gasto militar en lugar de financiar programas sociales esenciales y reparar las infraestructuras en ruinas en el país.

No es Irán quien ha cerrado hospitales y escuelas en Estados Unidos. No es Irán quien ha provocado el aumento de las personas sin hogar. No es Irán quien ha recortado la financiación de la asistencia pública, como el Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP). No es Irán quien ha recortado Medicaid, las viviendas de la Sección 8, el cuidado infantil, etc.

No es Irán quien ha enviado a matones

armados del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) y de la Patrulla Fronteriza para detener y deportar a nuestros hermanos migrantes, causando la muerte de al menos 50 migrantes.

Cuando el Gobierno de EE. UU. no está utilizando a Irán como chivo expiatorio, utiliza a China, Rusia, Venezuela y Cuba como chivos expiatorios de los males causados por el capitalismo estadounidense. Se trata de países que deciden sus propias vías de desarrollo social

para sus poblaciones, algo que les han negado décadas de políticas de subdesarrollo impuestas por el imperialismo. Estas vías se denominan «derecho a la autodeterminación» y están reconocidas por las Naciones Unidas.

La solidaridad con la resistencia es una cuestión del Primero de Mayo

Cuando Estados Unidos declara la guerra a los pueblos trabajadores y oprimidos, exige que los oprimidos se desarmen. Sin embargo, ¿qué otra alternativa hay, aparte de la lucha armada, para liberar a un pueblo que vive bajo la bota de una potencia extranjera opresora? ¿Cómo pueden las tácticas no violentas lograr una paz duradera cuando el enemigo está armado hasta los dientes y empeñado en destruir los movimientos de liberación o derrocar a los gobiernos progresistas y revolucionarios?

El imperialismo es un sistema económico que no puede sobrevivir ni un segundo a menos que se beneficie de los bajos salarios de los trabajadores, del robo de los recursos de países enteros y del uso de la supremacía blanca para dividir a la clase trabajadora.

La clase dominante multimillonaria —no solo los individuos— es el resultado del capitalismo a escala mundial. Dentro de Estados Unidos, los dos principales partidos capitalistas —el Demócrata y el Republicano— existen

fundamentalmente para defender los intereses de este sistema opresivo. El presidente de «Make America Great Again», por muy depravado que sea, debe lealtad a esta clase, al igual que todos los presidentes que le precedieron.

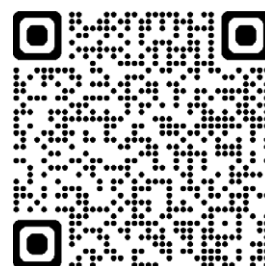
Los pueblos de Irán, la Palestina ocupada, Cuba, China, Venezuela, el Líbano y la mayoría del mundo están exigiendo con sus acciones que las poblaciones de los países más ricos del Norte Global se unan a ellos en sus luchas contra la agresión imperialista —nuestro enemigo común. Esto comienza abiertamente por ponerse del lado de la resistencia.

Las fuerzas que se resisten al imperialismo están poniendo de manifiesto la realidad de que el capitalismo global —el imperialismo— no puede reformarse. Este sistema en decadencia debe ser, y finalmente será, eliminado a escala global y sustituido por un sistema socialista que potencie el trabajo colectivo de la clase trabajadora para lograr la plena igualdad para todos.

Hagamos, pues, del Primero de Mayo de este año un día de solidaridad con los movimientos de resistencia en Irán, Palestina, Líbano y Cuba, junto con la creciente resistencia contra el ICE, el encarcelamiento masivo, los despidos laborales y el racismo en nuestro propio país.

La lucha de los trabajadores no conoce fronteras. ¡Una ofensa contra uno es una ofensa contra todos! □

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