

#47 threatens to 'annihilate' Iran

Antiwar protests called across U.S.

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April 7—The U.S. president threatened April 6 to annihilate Iran's civilian infrastructure starting the evening of April 7 if the Iranian government fails to open the Strait of Hormuz to all traffic. His earlier similar threat was laced with obscenities usually unsaid in public by imperialist heads of state.

In response, 14 million Iranians vowed to risk their lives rather than submit. Thousands have already lined up on bridges and in vital productive facilities to put their bodies on the line.

A cooperative group of anti-war and anti-imperialist forces in the United States issued a call for a demonstration April 15 to stop the war against Iran. (see unacpeace.org) The call reads:

"As the U.S. continues its war on Iran, the majority in the U.S. say they do not support the war. Thousands have been killed by the U.S. and Israel, the entire region is up in flames, the Strait of Hormuz is out of U.S. control and the energy infrastructure in the entire region has been shut down.

"The war has led to economic crises in countries around the world and in the U.S., we see higher gas prices and inflation as the entire economy is in a downturn. Working people will be hurt the most by this economic crisis while their sons and daughters are asked to fight and die for this illegal war.

"On this Tax Day we call on people to protest the war on Iran and demand: "End the war on Iran!"

"Money for human needs, not war!"
"Tax the rich and the war industries!"
"Check back soon for links to register your action and see a list of actions taking place on Tax Day, April 15, 2026."



Four planes and two helicopters were among the reported losses in the 'rescue' of a downed specialist in Iran, April 5, 2026. \$200 million in U.S. equipment lost and no reported (but many suspected) casualties.

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Speakers (seated left to right) KVR, Leila Skinner, Fawaz Abusharkh, Harmony and Bahar Sharafi with emcees (standing at mic, l-r) Omama Marzuq and Zakaria Kawa at Boston City Hall press conference, March 30, 2026. workers.org/?p=91906



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Vigil for Venezuela's Cilia Flores and President Nicolás Maduro at Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York, April 3, 2026.

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Money for child care – Not for war!

Entrenched in a war of his own making, President Donald Trump announced his spending priorities for 2027 during a White House luncheon on April 1: “The United States can’t take care of day care. It’s not possible for us to take care of day care, Medicaid, Medicare, all those individual things. ... We have to take care of one thing: military protection.”

While the U.S. is already spending over \$1 billion a day on the war against Iran, Trump says the Pentagon needs an annual budget of \$1.5 trillion — and that states will have to pick up the tab for child care, health care and other social programs.

Throughout his two presidential campaigns, Trump promised supporters that he would prioritize funding for workers’ needs, while moving away from support for imperialist wars. But the capitalists are increasingly looking to recolonization as the way to revive their dying system.

Consistent with the capitalist outlook that the federal government is a servant to the wealthiest people in the U.S. (Trump’s family included), rather than tax billionaires to pay for social programs, he attacks the most vulnerable within the population.

In the first year of his second term, Trump used a government shutdown to gut funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for millions of families. In his second year, child care appears to be his preferred target. As part of the war on immigrant communities, Trump was already attacking child care centers run by Somali communities in Minnesota, using fake fraud claims made by right-wing “investigators.” Since January, the administration has frozen federal assets of over \$10 billion designated for child care centers in five states.

Parents who rely on child care in order to be able to work pay on average 8.9% to 16.0% of their income for full day care for one child. Varying by location, annual costs run from over \$6,500 to \$15,600 or higher, depending on the child’s age. Sometimes day care costs are higher than housing costs.

Currently, federal funding for child care is around \$30 billion, split between the Child Care and Development Fund and Head Start. Overall, the share of federal spending on children has fallen from 11.98% in 2021 to 8.57% in 2025. While Trump’s “Big Bad Tax Bill” included tax credits for child care, these mainly benefited higher income recipients.

But why does the Pentagon need \$1.5 trillion annually? In the first four weeks of war against Iran, the U.S. used over 850 “Tomahawk” missiles, costing close to \$4 million each. And then there are the planes shot down by Iran’s “devastated” air defense system. As of April 5, these include four F-15Es, four KC-135s (refueling planes), plus one AWACS and one A-10 destroyed during Iran’s attacks on military bases. Replacement of these multimillion-dollar war planes could run into the billions.



No Kings protest, Cleveland, March 28, 2026.

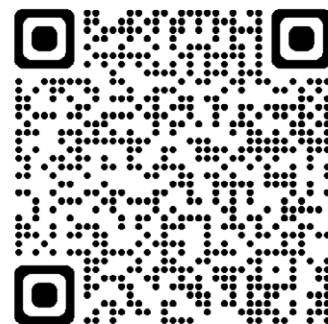
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Since the start of the war, Iran has targeted the 17 U.S. military bases around West Asia, leaving 13 largely uninhabitable. According to warcosts.org: “The United States maintains the largest network of foreign military bases in world history — over 694 overseas installations across 112 countries and territories, plus 824 domestic bases across all 50 states. No other country comes close.” (March 3)

The top 100 global firms involved in weapons production made record profits from the wars in Ukraine and Gaza — \$679 billion in 2024, a 5.9% increase over prior years. (The Economic Times, Dec. 1 2025) In contrast, most child care workers earn just over minimum wage, even when highly educated and skilled.

We must demand: Money for the workers and poor — not for the Pentagon’s war! □

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La crisis en los aeropuertos estadounidenses es noticia de primera plana. Debido al cierre parcial del Gobierno, los empleados de la Administración de Seguridad en el Transporte (TSA) no cobraron su salario durante 42 días. Como es comprensible, muchos trabajadores no acudieron a sus puestos. Algunos tuvieron que buscar otros trabajos para poder ganar dinero con el que pagar los gastos básicos de vivienda y otras facturas. Otros, sencillamente, no estaban dispuestos a trabajar sin cobrar.

Esto provocó largas colas en los controles de seguridad de los aeropuertos y obligó a los pasajeros a pasar entre 6 y 8 horas, o incluso más, en esas colas.

¿Cuál fue, pues, la primera solución de Trump? Enviar a agentes del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) a los aeropuertos, supuestamente para ayudar a los agentes de la TSA en el control de pasajeros. Muchas personas creían que en realidad se les había enviado a los aeropuertos para acosar e intimidar a los pasajeros y trabajadores de los aeropuertos negros, latinos, indígenas y migrantes. Se envió incluso a agentes del ICE a aeropuertos en los que no había habido ningún problema de largas colas.

La política de enviar a agentes del ICE, mejor remunerados, a realizar el trabajo de los trabajadores de la TSA —un trabajo que estos realizaban sin cobrar— resultó extremadamente impopular. De hecho, para aquellos trabajadores que son inmigrantes, la presencia de agentes del ICE intimidatorios trabajando a su lado podría ser otra razón para no acudir al trabajo.

En los aeropuertos, los agentes del ICE no llevaban mascarillas, lo que esencialmente desmontaba el argumento de Trump de que las mascarillas son necesarias para su trabajo.

El Senado votó entonces a favor de pagar a los trabajadores de la TSA, pero el proyecto de ley fue rechazado en la Cámara de Representantes, donde la mayoría republicana se quejó de que el proyecto carecía de una disposición para financiar íntegramente al ICE. Los demócratas del Congreso solo pretenden reducir la financiación del odiado ICE, que ha despertado la ira pública debido a sus numerosos



Houston, 10 de enero de 2026.

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delitos, incluidos los asesinatos a sangre fría de Renee Good, Keith Porter Jr., Alex Pretti y otros.

Ahora Trump afirma que pasará por alto al Congreso y pagará a los trabajadores de la TSA, y estos recibieron sus primeros salarios atrasados en más de un mes el 30 de marzo, pero no están seguros de si se les pagará de forma regular. Y no está claro si el ICE será retirado de los aeropuertos una vez que los trabajadores de la TSA vuelvan a trabajar con los niveles de plantilla anteriores.

Lo que está claro es la necesidad inmediata de exigir que «el ICE salga de los aeropuertos». Pero las demandas contra el ICE deben ir mucho más allá. Los agentes del ICE no son más que tropas de asalto fascistas con una agenda racista y una vendetta contra los activistas por los derechos de los migrantes. Además de cometer asesinatos descarados, han arrestado y detenido a miles de personas —indocumentadas, documentadas y nacidas en EE. UU.— incluida la infame detención de Liam Conejo Ramos, de cinco años, y su padre.

Los migrantes, principalmente mujeres, han sido violados, y los casos más recientes se han producido en un centro de detención con ánimo de lucro gestionado por Core Civic en California. Los siete casos denunciados solo están siendo investigados por la propia empresa; las fuerzas del orden ni siquiera se molestan en ocuparse de estos horribles delitos.

Mientras estos terroristas cometen violaciones, palizas, asesinatos y otros delitos, pedir una reducción de la financiación no es suficiente —aunque los republicanos de la Cámara de Representantes se negaron incluso a eso, reteniendo el pago a los trabajadores de la TSA— a quienes se les debe pagar.

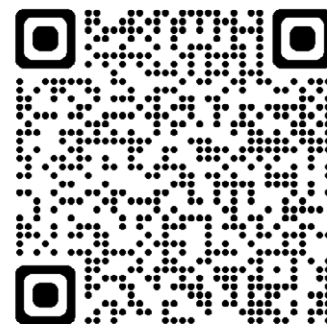
¡Mundo Obrero afirma que se debe abolir el ICE!

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