

MUNDO OBRERO WORKERS WORLD

Workers and oppressed peoples of the world unite!
workers.org Vol. 67, No. 26 July 2, 2026



Solidarity with Venezuela

WW Statement



PHOTO: BRIGADA MÉDICA CUBANA EN VENEZUELA

Cuban healthcare workers aid victims of earthquakes in Venezuela.

June 28 — Workers World expresses our most heartfelt solidarity with the people and government of Venezuela who were hit by two devastating earthquakes on June 24, followed by over 300 aftershocks. As of this writing, the death toll stands at over 1,430, with thousands of people injured and/or made homeless and tens of thousands still missing. Some 250 buildings have been damaged or destroyed.

We extend our deepest condolences to the thousands of people who lost their loved ones.

We reject any attempt by U.S. imperialism to blame the Venezuelan government for the tragedy or the response to it. On the contrary, Venezuela is dealing with the earthquakes under very difficult circumstances imposed by the U.S. government, including the kidnapping of President Nicolás Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores, ongoing deadly bombings of boats and the continuing sanctions intended to strangle the country's economy.

Acting President Delcy Rodríguez has reported that two dozen countries have sent volunteers and material aid. We especially salute Cuba that, despite

the dire conditions of a tightened U.S. blockade, has healthcare workers in Venezuela attending to the needs of the people.

Cuba's First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and President of the Republic Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez said: "A hug to our compatriots and to all of Venezuela in this difficult time. We are with you." Rodríguez thanked Díaz-Canel "for his words of solidarity and for always standing with Venezuela in such difficult times." (Granma, June 26)

Workers World opposes any effort by the U.S. imperialists to use offers of "humanitarian" aid as a pretext for additional military intervention. We demand the U.S. immediately and unconditionally lift the sanctions on Venezuela, drop all charges against Maduro and Flores and return them to their country, end the military aggression against Venezuela and unfreeze the billions of dollars in sanctioned Venezuelan assets.

Workers World also reiterates its demand that the U.S. stop its decades-old blockade of Cuba, including the latest siege of the island country that prevents the delivery of petroleum.

U.S. hands off Venezuela! □

250 years of racism, genocide, imperialism, theft and lies – a hybrid forum:

**THE WORLD IS
BRINGING
DOWN THE EMPIRE!**



Forging Global Solidarity in the Belly of the Beast

**Pre-register online — tinyurl.com/9thofJuly
In person — 121 West 27 St., #404, New York City**

**Thurs.
July 9**

**7⁰⁰-9³⁰ pm
Eastern Time**



WW PHOTO: MARSHA GOLDBERG

Thousands participated in the Queer Liberation March in New York City on June 28, 2026.

In this issue

♦ Editorials

Free the Prairieland defendants! 3
Will votes or U.N. studies stop Israeli genocide? 4

♦ Mundo Obrero

Los aficionados al Mundial coinciden: «¡Boicot a EE.UU.!»... 5

Articles at workers.org

♦ In the U.S.

Striking Teamsters in West Virginia LINK
SCOTUS ruling escalates attacks on migrants LINK
The Peoples Football Match vs racist war and FIFA LINK
Statement by Prairieland defendant Benjamin Song ... LINK
NYC Vets For Peace plan protests LINK

♦ Around the World

Haïti Liberté statement slams SCOTUS TPS ruling LINK
Democratic Front extends condolences to Venezuela .. LINK
Paris Commune to South Lebanon: Heroic resistance .. LINK

♦ Mundo Obrero

El memorando de entendimiento: aún no hay paz LINK

Workers World

121 W. 27th St., Suite 404

New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212.627.2994

E-mail: wwp@workers.orgWeb: www.workers.org

Vol. 67, No. 26 • July 2, 2026

Closing date: July 1, 2026

Editors: John Catalinotto, Martha Grevatt,
Deirdre Griswold, Monica Moorehead,
Betsey Piette

Web Editors: ABear, Harvey Markowitz,
Janet Mayes

Tear Down the Walls! Editor: Teddie Kelly

Production & Design Editors: Gery
Armsby, Sasha Mazumder

Copyediting and Proofreading: Paddy
Colligan, Steve Gillis

Contributing Editors: G. Dunkel,
K. Durkin, Sara Flounders, Otis
Grotewohl, Gloria Rubac

Mundo Obrero: Deborah Rodriguez

Copyright © 2026 Workers World.
Verbatim copying and distribution of
articles is permitted in any medium
without royalty provided this notice is
preserved.

Workers World (ISSN-1070-4205) is pub-
lished monthly by WW Publishers, 121 W.
27th St., Suite 404, New York, NY 10001.
Phone: 212.627.2994.

Subscriptions: One year: \$36; institutions:
\$50. Letters to the editor may be con-
densed and edited. Articles can be freely
reprinted, with credit to Workers World,
121 W. 27th St., Suite 404, New York, NY
10001. Back issues and individual articles
are available on microfilm and/or photo-
copy from NA Publishing, Inc, P.O. Box
998, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0998.
A searchable archive is available on the
Web at www.workers.org.

A headline digest is available via e-mail
subscription. Subscription information is
at workers.org.

Periodicals postage paid at New York, NY
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
Workers World, 121 W. 27th St., Suite 404,
New York, NY 10001.

Join us in the fight for socialism!

Workers World Party is a revolutionary
Marxist-Leninist party inside the belly of
the imperialist beast. We are a multina-
tional, multigenerational and multigen-
dered organization that not only aims to
abolish capitalism, but to build a socialist
society because it's the only way forward!

Capitalism and imperialism threaten
the peoples of the world and the planet
itself in the neverending quest for ever-
greater profits.

Capitalism means war and auster-
ity, racism and repression, attacks on
im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+
oppression and mistreatment of people
with disabilities. It means joblessness,
increasing homelessness and impover-
ishment and lack of hope for the future.
No social problems can be solved under
capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the
world, yet no one has a guaranteed right
to shelter, food, water, health care, edu-
cation or anything else — unless they can
pay for it. Wages are lower than ever,
and youth are saddled with seemingly
insurmountable student debt, if they
even make it to college. Black, Brown
and Indigenous youth and trans people

are gunned down by cops and bigots on
a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks
to wipe out decades of gains and benefits
won by hard-fought struggles by people's
movements. The super-rich and their
political representatives have intensified
their attacks on the multinational, mul-
tigender and multigenerational working
class. It is time to point the blame at —
and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because
the working class produces all wealth in
society, and this wealth should remain
in their hands, not be stolen in the form
of capitalist profits. The wealth workers
create should be socially owned and its
distribution planned to satisfy and guar-
antee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has
been out in the streets defending the
workers and oppressed here and world-
wide. If you're interested in Marxism,
class solidarity, and joining us in the fight
for a socialist future, please sign up at
www.workers.org/join-form and an
organizer will get back to you. Or contact
a WWP branch near you. □

If you are interested in joining Workers World Party contact:

National Office

121 W. 27th St., Suite 404
New York, NY 10001
212.627.2994
wwp@workers.org

Atlanta

404.627.0185
atlanta@workers.org

Boston

284 Amory St.
Boston, MA 02130
boston@workers.org
instagram: @wwpboston

Buffalo, N.Y.

335 Richmond Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14222
716.883.2534
buffalo@workers.org

Cleveland

cleveland@workers.org

Durham, N.C.

919.322.9970
durham@workers.org

Houston

P.O. Box 3454
Houston, TX 77253-3454
713.503.2633
houston@workers.org

Minnesota

minnesota@workers.org

Philadelphia

P.O. Box 5634
Philadelphia, PA 19129
610.931.2615
phila@workers.org

Portland, Ore.

portland@workers.org

San Antonio

sanantonio@workers.org

Seattle

206-218-4417
seattle@workers.org

West Virginia

WestVirginia@workers.org

Free the Prairieland defendants!

The trial and sentencing of the Prairieland defendants and the grotesque sentences handed them June 23 — from 30 to 100 years in prison, for each of eight defendants — was the closest thing to the reactionary and legal lynchings that have been all too common in the history of Texas.

And remember, Texas is a state whose ruling class was made up of enslavers who seized and settled the land of the Indigenous population and whose founding was based on a war of conquest against the Mexican nation.

Regarding the facts of the events of the July 4, 2025, demonstration and protest of the government persecution of migrant workers — and anyone who the border guards, immigration storm troopers or local racist cops believed might be migrant workers and their families — Workers World accepts the explanations of the Prairieland defendants (see prairielanddefendants.com) as logical and consistent with our own experiences as organizers of protests against the violence of the capitalist state.

The story as presented by the state authorities, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) storm trooper agents and their fascist ideologists in the MAGA administration (like Stephen Miller), we recognize as the invention of those serving the white supremacist rulers of U.S. imperialism.

In short, Workers World believes the Prairieland defendants. We don't believe a single word from the state authorities.

We also have our own take on the political impact of the events and how the politics influences how we and anyone on the side of the oppressed in this country, anyone who is for justice, should react.

The pro-ICE and pro-white supremacy forces, in short, the MAGA administration, have targeted the Prairieland defendants in an attempt to intimidate all people who hate ICE and hate white



Prairieland defendants' supporters.

supremacist ideology.

The superb Minneapolis mass protests against the murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, the mobilizations of people in dozens of cities and hundreds of towns to defend their migrant siblings and their families from the violence of ICE have terrified the MAGA white supremacists. The administration chose a reactionary judge in a reactionary district of a reactionary state to hold a kangaroo court trial and mete out these grotesque sentences — to try to stifle this workers' solidarity movement.

All-out support for the Prairieland 8!

To reverse the Prairieland injustice, to reinforce the confidence of millions of workers who sympathize with their migrant siblings, we must give full legal and popular support to the Prairieland defendants.

This means combating the prosecutors' fiction that there was a conspiracy to commit violence. Conspiracy is the state's invention when even under capitalist laws, there is no real crime.

It also means giving full legal and popular support to Benjamin Hamil Song, the one defendant sentenced to 100 years in prison, allegedly for attempted murder. Song, a Marine veteran and firearms instructor, says the cop he wounded had taken a stance that showed he was about to fire on one of the other demonstrators, who was fleeing.

Attention: The U.S. Marine Corps taught Song how to shoot. Song managed to learn through his own life experience who were his real allies and who was the enemy. And which way to point his weapon.

Thus, he is a positive example to many other U.S. veterans, who have been forced to commit war crimes should they follow the illegal and unconstitutional orders from the U.S. imperialist regimes. They too can learn from Song

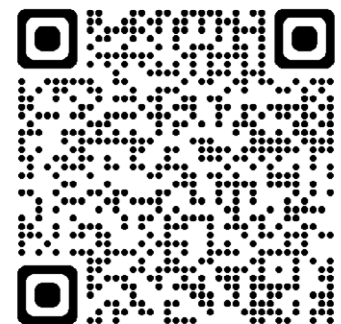
who their class allies are and who their enemies are. For that alone, Song deserves popular support.

The MAGA regime has called the defendants part of "Antifa," which doesn't really exist as an organization. It means anti-fascist, it's an idea that people have to unite in solidarity to fight the ruling-class elements who use white supremacist and bigoted ideology to divide the workers and keep them in chains. It's a good idea. Antifa doesn't exist as an organization, but maybe it should.

We are all Antifa!

Free the Prairieland defendants! □

MUNDO OBRERO
WORKERS WORLD 



workers.org

Will votes or U.N. studies stop Israeli genocide?

In the last week of June 2026, two developments highlighted the growing opposition to the Israeli genocide in Gaza.

During the Democratic Party primary elections in New York on June 23, candidates allied with New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani, who openly opposed the traditional Democratic Party support for Israel, won three major races and will be the Democratic candidates in the fall elections — reflecting that many people are disgusted with the traditional Democratic Party support for Israeli genocide.

Just a few days later, the United Nations issued a report that the Israeli military was deliberately killing children in Gaza to prevent the Palestinian people from having a future. The U.N. acknowledged what the movements in support of Palestine have protested for years — that Israeli genocide targets Palestinian children for erasure.

In their 88-page report, the U.N.'s top investigative body on Palestine and Gaza concluded that Israel has killed over 20,000 Palestinian children since October 7, 2023, and that the killings continued after the October 2025 ceasefire. The U.N. report detailed instances of rape, torture and murder, precision shootings by snipers and drones and the deliberate destruction of schools, hospitals and other facilities necessary for their survival.

While both developments are welcome by the global movements opposing Israeli occupation of Palestine and genocide in Gaza, the question remains — what, if any impact will they have?

Will the emergence of an anti-Israel bloc within the Democratic Party be enough to pressure the corporate leadership of this bourgeois party from continuing to accept AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) money? Will it be enough to convince them to vote against any additional funding for or collusion with Israel's genocide?

Since 2015, the U.N. General Assembly has adopted over 188 resolutions



Five-year-old Palestinian Hind Rajab was shot and killed by Israeli forces in Gaza City on Jan. 29, 2024.

criticizing or targeting Israel — more than the combined total against all other countries in the world. Both the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court have found Israeli officials guilty of carrying out genocide in Gaza, yet no Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have been arrested when they visit the U.S. or other countries subject to these bodies' jurisdictions.

Instead of arresting Netanyahu or others responsible for the deaths of Palestinian children, Israel's imperialist allies, including the U.S., Britain and Germany, criminalize or ban anti-Zionist groups like Palestine Action and arrest pro-Palestinian activists and sympathizers.

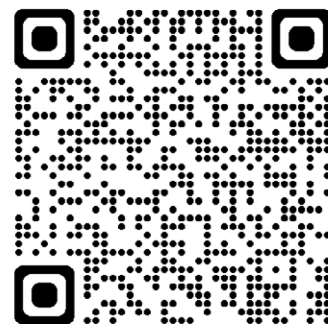
In July 2024, the International Court of Justice issued an Advisory Opinion that member states must intervene to prevent Israel's genocidal crimes from continuing throughout occupied Palestine and Gaza. In light of the latest U.N. findings, the time is now — immediately and without delay — for all governments to cease the

transfer of arms, technical or military support and all financial assistance to Israel!

The time for concrete actions that speak louder than resolutions and toothless elections is long overdue.

Let Palestine Live! □

MUNDO OBRERO
WORKERS WORLD ★



workers.org

Los aficionados al Mundial en Boston coinciden: «¡Boicot a EE.UU.!»

En julio, el grupo de solidaridad Acción Palestina fue «proscrito» -prohibido- por el gobierno británico por supuesta violación de la Ley de Terrorismo, aprobada por el Parlamento en 2000. La Ley prohíbe los «daños graves a la propiedad» incluso cuando no hay seres humanos heridos. En el caso de Acción Palestina, el hecho de que el grupo supuestamente irrumpiera en la base de la Royal Air Force Brize Norton y dañara dos aviones militares rociando pintura en los motores fue suficiente para que el grupo fuera proscrito.

La RAF Brize Norton es cómplice del genocidio en Gaza. Associated Press informa de que «aviones de Brize Norton, a 112 kilómetros (70 millas) al noroeste de Londres, vuelan regularmente a RAF Akrotiri en Chipre, la principal base aérea británica para operaciones en Oriente Próximo». Un informe del 28 de enero del Comité Palestino Británico definía esta base como un «activo fundamental» para la operación de limpieza étnica de Israel en Gaza. (aljazeera.com, 28 de enero)

En su página web, la RAF presume de: «RAF Brize Norton, en Oxfordshire, es la mayor estación de la RAF con aproximadamente 5.800 miembros de personal de servicio, 300 miembros de personal civil y 1.200 contratistas».

Anteriormente, Acción Palestina se dedicó a atacar a la tristemente célebre empresa Elbit Systems, con sede en Israel, que fabrica las armas que se utilizan para asesinar a los palestinos.

La legislación aprobada que prohíbe Acción Palestina convierte en delito punible con hasta 14 años de cárcel no sólo pertenecer al grupo, sino apoyarlo. Entre sus partidarios se encuentran cientos de personas detenidas en virtud de la Ley de Terrorismo por manifestarse contra la prohibición, así como celebridades, como la novelista irlandesa Sally Rooney y el director de cine inglés Ken Loach.

En opinión del gobierno británico, rociar pintura es un delito, pero cometer



M.O. FOTO: STEVE KIRSCHBAUM

Un aficionado de la selección escocesa de fútbol que participa en el Mundial enarbola una bandera palestina en la estación South Station de Boston, el 13 de junio de 2026

genocidio contra los palestinos no sólo es aceptable, sino digno de ayuda.

Acción Palestina no es la única que sufre una severa represión gubernamental. Samidoun, la Red de Solidaridad con los Presos Palestinos, ha sido blanco de ataques en múltiples países europeos, así como en Estados Unidos y Canadá. Activistas estadounidenses que apoyan a Palestina han sido detenidos, deportados, despedidos y suspendidos de sus estudios.

Mundo Obrero se solidariza plenamente con Acción Palestina y con los activistas de todo el mundo que apoyan la liberación palestina y que están del lado de la Resistencia Palestina. Entendemos que se han empleado y se emplearán múltiples tácticas, y apoyamos todos los esfuerzos para detener el horrible genocidio que está teniendo lugar en Palestina.

Nos negamos a dejarnos influir por los intentos de dividir el movimiento de solidaridad en «buenos manifestantes» que sólo organizan «manifestaciones pacíficas» y «malos manifestantes» que «dañan la propiedad». No reconocemos

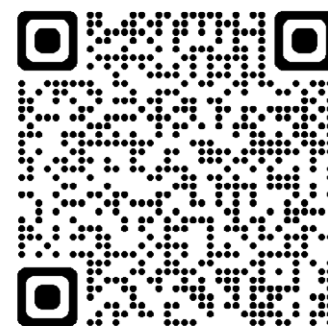
la inviolabilidad de la propiedad privada o gubernamental, especialmente cuando esa propiedad se utiliza en beneficio del Estado de apartheid terrorista de Israel.

¡Acabemos con la prohibición de Acción Palestina! ¡La solidaridad no es un delito!

Del río al mar, ¡Palestina será libre! □

WORKERS WORLD
MUNDO OBRERO ★

¡Proletarios y oprimidos de todos los países uníos!



workers.org