



# Heroic Iran resists imperialist attack

**WW COMMENTARY**

**By Monica Moorehead**

March 9 — What a difference a week can make in the unprecedented struggle against imperialism!

Just nine days ago, in the midst of “peace” negotiations between the U.S. and the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Trump regime carried out a terrorist missile attack, resulting in the massacre of almost 200 girls and teachers at a school in Minab, located in southern Iran, on Feb. 28. This attack was carried out without any Congressional authorization.

After the U.S. falsely accused the Iranian government of this heinous attack on the school, the corporate media officially confirmed what the majority of the world already knew — that the U.S. unilaterally carried out this attack. The school wasn’t bombed just once but twice. The second bomb exploded as first responders arrived, proving that the cold-blooded attack was calculated. (Reuters, March 5)

And if this wasn’t already a horrific war crime, also on Feb. 28, the U.S. and the Zionist State of Israel assassinated Iran’s Supreme Leader, the Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and his family members, along with dozens of Iran’s top military leaders in another missile attack. Not only was Khamenei the beloved leader of the Iranian nation, but he was viewed as a respected leader of the Muslim world.



**Iranians celebrate election of new Supreme Leader, Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, in Tehran’s Enqelab Square, March 9, 2025.**

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On March 8, his son, Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, was elected by an Assembly of Experts as the new Supreme Leader of Iran.

With these two major attacks, the U.S. and Israel torpedoed the negotiation process by declaring war on Iran, with the objective of regime change for the country of over 90 million people, as well as the theft of Iran’s rich oil resources. Both of these heinous, cowardly attacks, however, would prove to be a catastrophic miscalculation for the imperialists.

Iranians had a response, rightfully stating that they have the right to self-defense, citing Article 51 under the United Nations Charter, which recognizes the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a U.N. member. Put succinctly, Iran was defending its right to sovereignty and independence from imperialist and colonial domination.

Iran began immediately targeting U.S. military bases located in West Asia, including in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE). All of

these feudal monarchies have been outposts for the geopolitical interests of U.S. imperialism for decades but some are now questioning why the U.S. decided to attack Iran.

The emir of Bahrain, Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has officially fled the country following a week-long uprising of the long-suffering Bahraini people, who hate both Israel and the U.S.

Iran also targeted strategic military outposts, defense installations and other vital economic arteries in Tel Aviv (in occupied Palestine), causing major damage and destruction.

With blocks of Tel Aviv reminiscent of war-torn Gaza, it is estimated that between 1 million and 2 million panic-stricken Israeli settlers swiftly departed, fleeing to other countries, proving once again that this land was never theirs to begin with. The Iranian government gave ample warning to the Israelis to leave or risk losing their lives.

This theft of Palestinian land has been true even before the official founding of the state of Israel in 1948 which led to the systemic genocide and mass displacement of the indigenous population.

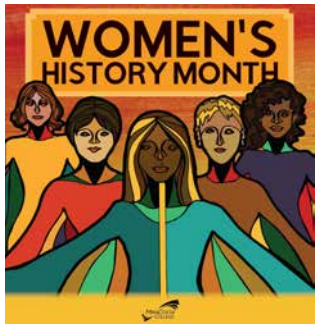
**Iran is not alone**

Other members of the Axis of Resistance, formed in solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance in Gaza, have worked hand-in-hand with Iran to fight

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IWWD’s history resonates with workers’ and anti-imperialist struggles, beginning with demonstrations against the looming World War I in 1911. This year, WW hails anti-imperialist resistance forces and their global allies.

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WW condemns the Trump administration’s racist, xenophobic Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) pogroms against women migrants, their family members and supporters. We denounce the firings of Black women and other federal workers and Washington’s slash-and-burn cutbacks in essential government programs, including Medicaid and SNAP (food stamps), impacting millions of women, low-income, Black and other people of color, disabled and elderly individuals.

We praise reproductive justice activists fighting the ultraright’s misogynist anti-abortion campaign, sanctioned by the unelected Supreme Court, despite public opinion. We join the calls for justice by the courageous survivors of Jeffrey Epstein’s brutality.

WW honors women organizers in the historic Civil Rights, Black Liberation and Puerto Rican independence movements, anti-imperialists, socialists, communists and fighters



Gabriela leads International Working Women’s Day march, Manila, Phillipines, March 8, 2026.

for rights for women, workers, immigrants, prisoners and Indigenous, Latine, Asian, Arab, LGBTQIA2S+ and disabled people.

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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, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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# Amid U.S.-Israeli slaughter in Iran

# Calls mount for ‘FIFA and World Cup OUT of the U.S.!’

By Steve Gillis

Antiwar and human rights activists in 10 U.S. cities — Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia and Seattle, and also New Jersey and the San Francisco Bay Area — are gearing up for a campaign to demand that Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) move World Cup soccer games out of the U.S. because of its war crimes around the world.

For the world’s peace-loving peoples, the call to “Boycott the U.S.!” is especially poignant while marauding, masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other Department of Homeland Security storm troopers continue their war at home against the world’s immigrant workers, foreign-born students and tourists.

Forgotten in the war fog of U.S. media propaganda during the opening barrages of Raytheon and Elbit Systems-made missiles slaughtering hundreds of Iranian government leaders and school children alike is the incongruous “FIFA Peace Prize” presented by FIFA President Gianni Infantino to U.S. President Donald Trump on December 5, 2025.

Also left out in the media is FIFA’s “strategic partnership” with Trump’s imperialist “Board of Peace,” announced Feb. 19, to build football stadiums in Gaza on top of the rubble of Indigenous Palestinian homes and graves to promote the Zionist vision of turning Gaza’s stolen, genocided land into a seaside resort. (inside.fifa.com, Feb. 19)

Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) North-South Project for Peoples Centered Human Rights initiated a global boycott of the U.S. targeting FIFA, its World Cup games and the International Olympic Committee in mid-2025. BAP blasted out a press release to “Boycott the U.S.,” noting, “The U.S. is a dangerous place with escalating ICE and militarized violence.” It was issued on Jan. 24 — the day U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents publicly executed nurse Alex Pretti in Minneapolis.

BAP explained that this same rogue U.S. government that kidnapped Venezuela’s President Nicolás Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores on Jan. 3, has been illegally blockading Cuba for decades and directing and supplying the Zionist Israel Occupation Forces’ genocide against the Palestinian people for over two years. The U.S. should rightfully now be the target, like Israel, of a global Boycott, Divest, Sanctions (BDS) movement. (workers.org/2026/02/90608/)

### Endorse the ‘Anti-Fascist Football Coalition’

The campaign to “Move the Games” has developed into the Anti-Fascist Football Coalition, which has expanded to include grassroots organizations in the three World Cup host countries of the U.S., Mexico and Canada and beyond. The coalition is calling on organizations worldwide to endorse the campaign at [bit.ly/EndorseNow](https://bit.ly/EndorseNow). To support the campaign, start by spreading the coalition’s petition at [bit.ly/BANFIFA](https://bit.ly/BANFIFA) demanding that FIFA and the IOC [International Olympic Committee] ban the U.S. and Israel from hosting or participating in international sporting events.

As Camila Escalante of Sovereign Media describes the growing coalition: “It’s not just ICE abductions, disappearances and killings. The U.S. regime is openly sponsoring genocide, occupation, terrorism and waging wars abroad. Calls are mounting internationally for a FIFA World Cup boycott.” (YouTube, Feb. 11.)

Football journalist Nima Tavallaey is among the many voices to point out that the Trump administration’s racist travel bans should automatically disqualify the U.S. from hosting any international games. In Boston, for example, where FIFA has scheduled games in June with teams from Ghana, Haiti and Morocco, fans and even team members are subject to Homeland Security and State Department travel bans. The Haitian community of 70,000 in Boston is mostly immigrants, many on precarious Temporary Protected Status, who now experience ICE terror as part of daily life.

A Feb. 21 article in The Guardian describes the ordeal

of a white tourist on vacation traveling on a British passport and U.S. visa who was arrested in July 2025 by ICE at the Canadian border — for no reason it turned out other than that the ICE agent got a quota bonus. The article’s headline makes the boycott case: “‘Don’t go to the U.S. — not with Trump in charge.’ The UK tourist with a valid visa detained by ICE for six weeks, Karen Newton, was in America on the trip of a lifetime when she was shackled, transported and held for weeks on end.”

### 11 million fewer tourists

In fact, as a Feb. 20 New York Times article highlights, the horrific war conditions that the imperialist U.S. police state has created at home and abroad has spawned a natural boycott reverberating in massive economic losses.

“When 11 million international visitors aren’t showing up, the result is billions of dollars in economic losses to the travel industry,” said Erik Hansen, a senior vice-president at the U.S. Travel Association, a trade group that promotes travel to and within the country.” (“11 Million Visitors Short: Inside America’s Continuing Tourism Slump”)

Even global football business executives can’t avoid the call to “Boycott the U.S.” A Jan. 21, 2026, article in The Athletic, the New York Times’ sports section — headlined “World Cup boycott? With people ‘dying on the street,’ a German soccer exec wants a discussion” — reports that Oke Goettlich, one of 11 vice presidents of the German

Football Association, has raised the U.S. boycott discussion to his wealthy peers.

In Florida, a coalition of civil rights organizations — including the Florida Immigrant Coalition, the American Civil Liberties Union and American Friends Service Committee — held a press conference Feb. 5 at FIFA’s Miami offices to issue a travel advisory for people considering trying to enter the U.S. for World Cup games there, warning of immigration enforcement tactics and detention risks for foreign tourists.

“Recent reporting and civil-rights litigation document growing instances in which visitors, tourists, lawful residents, and even U.S. citizens have been detained, questioned, held in immigration custody, or removed from

the United States following encounters with federal immigration enforcement and local law enforcement acting under expansive immigration partnerships, the alert said, citing enforcement actions in Florida and Gov. Ron DeSantis’ moves to have local police partner with federal immigration officials.” (foxnews.com, Feb. 5)

### BDS the U.S.!

The Boston Coalition for Palestine (BCFP) — itself composed of over 40 pro-Palestine, anti-Zionist constituent organizations — has taken up the call to demand that FIFA and its World Cup games be moved from their city. There, where the Chamber of Commerce is promoting tourism for the 250th anniversary of the colonists’ 1776 declared war with England to maintain chattel slavery, Democratic Party-controlled city and state politicians have been heralding the FIFA games as a savior of the local tourist economy, hit hard by Trump’s travel bans and international disrepute.

The Boston city administration has turned over to FIFA the public property of City Hall Plaza for the month of June to hold a for-profit festival. BCFP is preparing press conferences and protests to demand that the “FIFA Fan Festival” and World Cup be removed from Boston and the U.S. and that the games be globally boycotted in the U.S. while the U.S.-Israeli genocide in Palestine and the illegal war against Iran continue with impunity.

In addition, the Massachusetts State Police, the Boston Police Department, local sheriffs and county jailers have joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on a spending spree for billions of dollars of drones, counter-drones, surveillance and crowd control technology. They claim alleged “terrorist threats” to the FIFA festival and World Cup games at Gillette Stadium to justify turning a U.S. city into an occupied armed camp so the games can go on free of people protesting about genocide and war. (binj.news, Feb. 26, 2026)

The call by the Anti-Fascist Football Coalition from inside the U.S. to essentially “BDS the U.S.” is reminiscent of the African National Congress’s call in the 1980s to boycott and divest from all economic, cultural and educational activity with apartheid South Africa. In that era, “I... I... I... Ain’t gonna play Sun City!” by Artists United Against Apartheid became an international battle cry that helped put the criminal apartheid state into the dustbin of history. The call also builds on the Palestinian-led international Boycott, Divest, Sanctions movement launched in 2005 to combat the genocidal, U.S.-sponsored settler colony of Israel. □

## Arm the Dollz pays respect to Ayatollah Khamenei

*Arm the Dollz, a New York City-based Black Trans-led organization, released the following statement on March 5, 2026.*

Over the past week, we have lost another 1,000 people, martyrs to U.S. imperialism. This includes over 165 Iranian schoolgirls, nurses, doctors, political officials and, of course, the blessed Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Hundreds have been martyred in Lebanon, as well as hundreds of thousands displaced from the country’s South. May all those who have been massacred rest in peace.

At the very same time, trans people in the U.S. continue to have their human rights stripped away. Kansas has taken state-issued identification away from its trans residents. NYU [New York University] Langone, Mount Sinai and so many more hospitals continue to shut down their trans health care programs, specifically utilized by youth and Black and Brown trans women.

Trans migrants continue to be disappeared by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security, [separating them] from their families and communities, leaving little trace of where they are or what their conditions are. Prisons across the nation have shut down trans health care to incarcerated people, leaving women such as Gia Abigail Valentina, who recently underwent vaginoplasty surgery, without hormones to heal her body. This could kill her.

All of the aforementioned are examples of a sickness of the most malignant kind that is U.S. imperialism.

This is why we, at Arm the Dollz, unequivocally stand in solidarity with the people of Iran, Lebanon and Palestine, as well as the brave Axis of Resistance that is fighting for their nations’ sovereignty. This is why we call for the destruction of Western imperialism. This is why we rejoice at the [Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps] striking down U.S. military bases spread out across the Gulf, as well as the settler-colonial state of the Zionist entity.

While our brothers and sisters are strangled in the imperial core, our brothers and sisters are simultaneously strangled in the Global South. We are being strangled by the same core entity.

We must do our part, for them and for us. We must unite based upon this primary contradiction to take steps towards the liberation of humanity. Like the great [Palestinian] martyr Ghassan Kanafani brilliantly put it: “Imperialism has laid its body over the world, the head in Eastern Asia, the heart in the Middle East, its arteries reaching Africa and Latin America. Wherever you strike it, you damage it, and you serve the World Revolution.”

As those surviving in the belly of the beast, we must strike against imperialism daily. It is our duty to do so. If we are able to take upon this calling and our comrades in the Global South continue to resist heroically, we will eventually liberate one another.

With solidarity,  
ATDz Femme Queen Council

# NYC groups hold vigil honoring Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other martyrs

By Aafia Diallo

*Crown Heights Bites Back released the following statement on March 6, 2026.*

More than 250 antiwar demonstrators gathered last night in downtown Manhattan to commemorate the life and honor the martyrdom of Emam Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Speakers represented a broad coalition of antiwar groups and various Black, Muslim, Latino and trans-led New York City-based youth and community organizations.

The vigil included candles and flowers placed at an altar honoring Emam Khamenei alongside Black martyrs of Amerikan imperial violence, including Malcolm X, Patrice Lumumba, George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

The program included multiple speeches, a press conference with dozens of reporters, an Emam to lead salat-e-maghreb (evening prayer) for attending Muslims, a community iftar for those fasting in observance of Ramadan, and expressions of international solidarity with all resistance against the crimes of the Amerikan empire.

“The forces responsible for endless war, sanctions and regime-change operations abroad are the same forces that exploit us here through wage theft, rent exploitation, landlord abuse, stop-and-frisk, racist police murders and countless other forms of racist systemic oppression,” said one organizer of the vigil.

“The forces that call Khamenei a dictator for being defiant against colonialism are the same forces that label us thugs, gangsters, rapists and monsters for standing up for our own people. Our task is to dispel propaganda directed at Iran and other colonized peoples and recognize these struggles share the same enemies.”

Black, Muslim and Latino working-class Amerikan domestic colonial subjects live parallel to the millions of working-class people in Iran who are currently gasping for relief from hundreds of illegally dropped zio-Amerikan missiles, countless human rights violations, including nearly 50 years of sanctions and embargoes, and the criminal assassination of the rightful leader of their sovereign nation. And like Iranians, Black, Muslim, and Latino Amerikan colonial subjects have the moral and legal right to resist against their colonizer using force.

Despite all efforts at intimidation from a rowdy mixed crowd of exiled Iranian monarchists and known

MAGA-zionist agitators, the event was an absolute success for the Amerikan antiwar movement. The vile behavior of the counterprotestors exposed the Islamophobic and white supremacist, zionist ideology that fuels war, sanctions and regime change operations against Iran.

Attendees demonstrated a clear line of unconditional solidarity from the liberation struggle within the belly of the beast to the struggle for sovereignty in Iran. The vigil proved that even within the borders of the empire, poor, working and oppressed peoples are standing with the Islamic Republic, the Iranian people and the global Axis of Resistance against zionism and U.S.-led western imperialism.

We salute the steadfastness and achievements of the Islamic Republic in confronting the enemies of humanity and resisting imperial aggression. The vigil proved that even within the heart of the Amerikan empire, Black, Muslim, Latino and trans domestically-colonized peoples are building meaningful, militant and unapologetic solidarity with the global struggle against zio-Amerikan imperial domination.

### Endorsing organizations

The vigil was organized by a coalition of roughly twenty Black, Muslim, Latino and trans-led community organizations based in New York City who are committed to opposing zio-Amerikan imperial war, sanctions



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Vigil for Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei, New York City, March 5, 2026.

and colonial domination at home and abroad. These groups organize working-class communities across the city through food distributions, jail and court support, political education, protest mobilization and solidarity efforts connecting local struggles to third-world liberation movements resisting Amerikan-led imperial violence. □

## Int’l Working Women’s Day: ‘Free Cilia Flores!’



An International Working Women’s Day action was held for Venezuela’s kidnapped and imprisoned First Combatant Cilia Flores at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York, on March 8. Brooklyn

Against War organized the rally and march with many participating organizations.

– Report and photo by Sara Flounders

# China invests in a bright future for Cuba

By Lyn Neeley

In a remarkable example of international solidarity, Cuba, with the aid of China, has more than tripled its solar power production — one of the fastest renewable energy transitions ever achieved by a developing country. China helped Cuba develop 49 new solar parks and committed to completing 92 solar parks by 2028. Cuba’s solar power production has jumped from 5.8% in early 2025 to over 20% of its total energy generation.

The goal is for Cuba to reduce reliance on foreign fuel, gain independence from the U.S. blockade and become completely carbon neutral by 2050.

In February of 2026, solar energy accounted for 38% of electricity generation, during daytime hours. However, peak demand is from 7-8 p.m., and Cuba is unable to afford battery storage capacity — the most expensive component of a solar energy system. But China is racing to improve the technology, and “progress in recent months has been incredible,” according to Ember, a global energy think tank. Chinese battery exports last year hit a record high. (Washington Post, March 1)

In addition to large solar parks, China sent 10,000 solar panel kit systems for individual homes and public buildings; 5,000 systems for critical facilities, including maternity homes, nursing homes, emergency rooms and municipal radio stations; and 5,000 kits specifically for rural and "isolated" homes that are not connected to the national grid.

“If you install a 2kW system for these people there, so they can have a refrigerator, a fan, a television, their lives change completely, and then we contribute to preventing these people from migrating from their communities,”

said Elena Maidelín Ortiz Fernández, head of the Electric Union’s installation project. (bellyofthebeastcuba.com, March 6)

Cuba is also boosting renewable energy production by restoring thermal generation capacity, production of crude oil and petroleum gas and increasing their natural gas supply. China has provided Cuba with wind turbines and helped with their installation and maintenance since 2018.

Xinhua News Agency reported that Cuba has four small experimental wind farms with a fifth on the way. They have generated enough energy to save Cuba 29,630 tons of petroleum oil and prevent about 96,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) from being released into the atmosphere.

### Socialist planning in energy technology

As an example of socialist planning, data is being gathered from Cuba’s experimental wind farms to determine which technology is the most feasible for each region in Cuba. Cuba’s largest wind farm being completed in La Tunas will contribute 1% of total energy production by 2028 and save 40,000 tons of fossil fuels. Cuba also plans on building another 12 wind farms along the northern central and eastern coasts.

In 2005, China sent the first electric bus to Havana. It was manufactured by Yutong, a leading global producer of electric buses. Between 2015 and 2017, China sent Cuba a fleet of electric vehicles. Since 2021, after escalating fuel shortages imposed by the U.S. blockade, Cuba increased the imports of Chinese electric scooters, tricycles and cars.

China continues to support Cuban public transport by

supplying parts, components and equipment to rehabilitate the Yutong bus fleet. In a joint venture, Havana’s Caribbean Electric Vehicles (VEDCA) is assembling thousands of Chinese parts into Cuban EVs.

Dave Jones, an energy analyst with Ember, said that Cuba is in the middle of one of the most rapid solar revolutions anywhere and ahead of most countries, including the U.S., in the share of electricity generated by sun power.



Technicians carry a solar panel on the rooftop of a building in Havana. Cubans face an energy shortage brought on by a recent intensification of the U.S. economic blockade.

Cuba’s goal is to have 26% to 37% renewable energy generation by 2030-2035. Cuban Energy Minister Vicente de la O Levy said that with China’s help, the project represents “a joint commitment to energy sovereignty.” (socialistchina.org, Feb. 25) □

# House Bill 150 promotes medical release for aging prisoners

By **Betsey Piette**  
Philadelphia

On Dec. 17, 2025, the Pennsylvania House voted 111-92 to approve House Bill 150. Introduced by Rep. Rick Krajewski (D-Phila) and Rep. Torren Eckers (R-Adams/Cumberland), the bipartisan bill would streamline the process of medical release for the state's aging incarcerated population. The legislation still has to pass the Pennsylvania Senate and be signed by Gov. Josh Shapiro.

In an interview with Workers World, political prisoner Bryant Arroyo stated that “this is the furthest any death by incarceration bill has gotten in the legislature,” crediting this progress to “the combined efforts from different legal organizations and prisoners’ family members calling and writing state senators, legislators and congress members and the governor’s office to reconsider voting for the second chance legislation to bring home the sick and elderly prison population under the newly revised, second amended Compassionate Release HB150.”

Pennsylvania has an existing “compassionate release” process that HR 150 advocates call “notoriously challenging and time consuming for the more than 27% of the prison population classified as geriatric.”

Rep. Krajewski notes that “over the last 15 years, only 54 people have been granted release under it, and 11 people died waiting for a hearing. Those are 11 people who could’ve spent their last days at home with family and loved ones. People who posed no threat to society whatsoever. I think we can all agree that this is not the kind

of justice that the creators of our commonwealth’s compassionate release system had in mind.”

HR 150 creates a more robust process to consider early medical release for seriously ill inmates, accounting for time served, victim feedback, disciplinary records and physical condition. The bill would save up to \$15 million a year paid for expensive medical care within prisons — care that is substandard, often amounting to medical



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**Five years before HB 150 passed the House, a large gathering of family and friends of incarcerated people held a press conference in Philadelphia on Sept. 30, 2021, to pressure state legislators to pass an earlier version of a compassionate release bill.**

neglect.

Robert Saleem Holbrook, executive director of Straight Ahead, noted that “27% of the prison population are elders and considered geriatric, with a vast majority suffering from serious medical conditions and chronic care needs. Most of them, unfortunately, are dying in prison.”

Holbrook continued: “HB 150 is a vital bill that offers them a second change — an opportunity to go in front of a parole board, an opportunity to demonstrate that they are not the people that they once were. Too many elders remain incarcerated despite having made the decision to change, seek redemption and rehabilitation. Yet currently they have no avenue to come home. This bill will change that.”

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, the number of geriatric inmates has ballooned by 300% since 2001, with more than 7,000 elders now incarcerated. The Pennsylvania DOC spent over \$426 million on medical care in the 2023-2024 fiscal year — \$40.5 million of which went to pay for medical care for incarcerated elderly people at risk of death.

The bill now goes to the Pennsylvania Senate for consideration. Stressing the importance of its passage, Arroyo told Workers World: “We need to strike, mobilize, organize while the iron is hot. Otherwise, our fate will be sealed to die in prison regardless of our age or health conditions.

“This has nothing to do with the Pennsylvania DOC’s moral or ethical compass. It has everything to do with money, money and more money. It would be economically feasible for the Pennsylvania DOC to get it passed for them to release a good amount of the elderly who are sick and have multiple health issues.”

Supporters of HR 150 are urged to write or call Pennsylvania Senate Majority Leader Joe Pittman to encourage him to move this important piece of legislation forward to prevent more aging, sick and terminally ill people from dying in prison.

Pittman can be reached at his Harrisburg office (717-787-8724) or his district office in Indiana County (724-357-0156); FAX: 717-772-1589 or mail to 353 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3041. □

# Why we must support the Prairieland defendants

By **Benny Schaft**

The trial for the Prairieland defendants began Feb. 17, with the nine defendants facing multiple charges, from rioting to attempted murder, for their role in organizing a noise demonstration in solidarity with immigrants held in the Prairieland Immigration Customs and Enforcement detention center in Alvarado, Texas, on July 4, 2025.

The nine are accused of being part of a “North Texas Antifa cell” and being responsible for the nonfatal shooting of a police officer outside the facility.

The ruling class has been hellbent on making sure that any type of demonstration opposing the kidnapping and sending of immigrant comrades to the ICE concentration camps across this country must be shut down. And the violence of the capitalist class is being unleashed to make that happen.

The capitalist state has made it their mission to make an example of these nine activists, as shown clearly by the actions of the prosecution that has leaned heavily on the false narrative of the defendants being terrorists and members of the anti-fascist and anti-racist network the state labels as “Antifa.”

The prosecution even tried to link the Emma Goldman Book Club, a study group that several of the defendants allegedly attended, as a front for recruiting people into “Antifa.” That claim was directly refuted by defendant Lynette Sharp, who testified on the stand that she is not a member of “Antifa,” contrary to what the prosecution has argued, and that the book club was not an “Antifa” recruitment operation.

Sharp was one of multiple defendants who took cooperating plea deals, but whose testimony for the state actually vindicated the defendants and affirmed key defense arguments that the demonstration was to show solidarity with people detained at the facility and not to enact violence. The state’s witnesses reiterated that the defendants were not part of a unified group, let alone a terrorist organization.

Sharp also added that she did not write the statement of facts used in her guilty plea. When asked by defense attorney Phillip Hayes why she signed it, she explained: “First they gave me accessory after the fact.

It was a very scary, confusing process. I was held in a facility with no medical care, and I felt I would die there.” (prairielanddefendants.com)



**Supporters of Prairieland defendants at the start of their trial, Feb. 17, 2026.**

And Sharp was not the only defendant who has faced conditions like this. Defendants have been subjected to the same brutal conditions, including isolation, forced and unnecessary strip searches, denial of access to lawyers and having their legal notes taken by guards. One defendant was even forced into a cell with walls smeared with feces.

## Declaration of state repression

The Prairieland case should concern all of us, because this case is a targeted attack on the working class and a declaration of further repression against the people. It is the capitalists’ way of saying, “We will jail more of you, and will oppress more of you, and we will murder you.”

This was on full display, with the individuals called to the stand by the prosecution echoing this same sentiment. Texas Ranger Billy Hill, while on the stand, stated, “It may be acceptable for a police officer to shoot an unarmed person in the back while they run.” This sentiment was echoed by two more officers, including Thomas Gross, the officer who was wounded.

Gross testified that when he arrived at the protest he immediately drew his weapon and pointed it at several fleeing demonstrators, who were “without any obvious threat,” as stated by prairielanddefendants.com.

Officer Darius Bell, who had stopped defendants Ines Soto, Elizabeth Soto, Maricela Rueda and Seth Sikes, admitted that he drew his weapon and yelled at these defendants, who were already seated on the ground, after they claimed their Constitutional right to refuse to allow him to search their belongings.

## False narratives of terrorist activity

The ruling class is desperately trying to use this trial to feed a false narrative of terrorist activities, turning it into propaganda to mislead the working class into believing the lies they’re told and to back the railroading of these comrades. But, as we know, the people have already begun to tear apart the lies and see for themselves what’s going on.

The proletariat has begun to wake up more and more and realize that the oldest trick of the capitalists is to propagandize and lie to repress the people. The same thing was done in 1920 to immigrant workers Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, falsely convicted of robbery and murder. The same happened in 1931 with the Scottsboro defendants — nine Black teenagers falsely accused of raping two white women.

From 1949 to 1958, leaders of the Communist Party of the United States were accused of violating the Smith Act. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed, having been falsely convicted in 1951 of conspiring to pass atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

In 1969, antiwar activists known as the Chicago 8 were charged with conspiring to riot at the 1968 Democratic National Convention. In September 1970, 13 members of the Black Panther Party in New York were falsely accused of shooting at police and trying to blow up police stations.

All these trials were examples of the capitalist class railroading members of the working class and propagandizing the people to go against their own class members so that the ruling class could continue to exploit the people.

Today the target is the Prairieland defendants. We must support these comrades during this trial, because, ultimately, if we don’t, the reactionary ruling class will do the same to us, and this exploitative cycle and repression will not end. □

# No U.S.-Israel

By Martha Grevatt

As of this writing, U.S. and Israeli airstrikes have murdered over 1,300 Iranians. One airstrike alone, on an elementary school in Minab on Feb. 28, massacred at least 165 schoolchildren.

The death toll continues to rise. The Pentagon acknowledges the deaths of seven U.S. military personnel, but the actual number is much higher. But the global antiwar movement refuses to be silent. Demonstrations, some called within a few hours of the

murderous bombing, took place all over the U.S. on Feb. 28 and March 1. Many were part of a coordinated effort initiated by the United National Antiwar Coalition. More protests, in the U.S. and around the world, took place during the first and second weeks of the war.



Philadelphia, march against U.S. war on Iran, Feb. 28, 2026.

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Tehran, Iran, March 6, 2026.



Johannesburg, March 2026.



Cleveland, Feb. 28, 2026.

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Boston march, Feb. 28, 2026.

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Buffalo, N.Y., March 1, 2026.

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Portland, Oregon, Feb. 28, 2026.

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Chennai, India, March 3, 2026.

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Manila, Philippines, March 4, 2026.



Paris, March 6, 2026.



London, March 7, 2026.



Seattle, Feb. 28, 2026.

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Houston, March 1, 2026.

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New York City, Feb. 28, 2026.

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A vigil, organized by Code Pink with many participating organizations, on the steps of the New York Public Library, New York City, March 8, 2026. There was a memorial walk to give condolences and solidarity to the Iranian Mission to the U.N.

## Emergency meeting on Iran war

After the U.S. and Israel launched a surprise attack on Iran — assassinating Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, his family and staff, as well as massacring almost 200 people at a girls' elementary school — Workers World Party convened a hybrid emergency meeting in New York City. WWP invited many allies to join an anti-imperialist united front to defend Iran and fight for a world in which all people's needs are met. Watch the video of the meeting at [youtu.be/1bmjT413rIc](https://youtu.be/1bmjT413rIc).

# Youth must denounce U.S. war on Iran

By Benny Schaft

Since Feb. 28, the United States government, along with Israel, has launched terrorist attacks upon the people of Iran, killing hundreds of civilians, including 160 schoolchildren, and wounding even more. Among those killed was Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Hussein Khamenei, who had consistently denounced U.S. imperialism in Western Asia and the U.S.-backed Israeli genocide of Palestinian people in Gaza.

The Trump administration has made its mission clear: to deny the people of Iran and Western Asia their right to self-determination.

But why exactly do we, the youth, especially the youth of the United States, need to denounce this murderous aggression and war on Iran?

It's because we are the ones who are and will be cannon fodder for the capitalist war machine. The goal of this machine is not to "liberate" the people of Iran. Its goal is to return the world to an era in which the ruling class, here and abroad, is allowed to dehumanize, victimize and degrade the will of Iranian people. To achieve this

goal, it is willing to allow us, the youth, to die.

Its goal is to exploit and rob not only the working class here in the West, but also the proletariat in the Global South, to which it pays even lower wages. History shows this pattern in every imperialist war carried out by this reactionary government — from World War I to Korea,



Youth were the backbone of protests against police brutality in response to the police murder of George Floyd. Here in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 2020.

Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. In each case, working-class youth have been sacrificed on the altar of capitalist profit and imperialist domination.

The U.S. and Israeli forces — neither has yet taken responsibility — did not hesitate to bomb a school and murder school children in the southern city of Minab. Al Jazeera reports that casualties have risen to 165 — a figure confirmed by Iranian news sources.

Silence is no longer an option for our generation. We stand at a crossroads: people's liberation or full destruction at the hands of reactionary warmongers who have already made it clear it's fine with them if the youth die as cannon fodder so this decadent system of capitalism can survive.

We know what is happening. The question is what we are willing to accept. Are we willing to accept the mass murder of our comrades in the Global South and our own oppression or the liberation of the proletariat? We say NO to murder and oppression!

So if it means bringing the encampments back, taking over our universities, being out in the streets or doing anything to break down this system, then so be it. □

# Trump gov't disrespects Jesse Jackson WW COMMENTARY

By Monica Moorehead

Civil Rights leader and founder of the Rainbow-PUSH coalition, Reverend Jesse Jackson, died Feb. 17 at the age of 84 following the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in 2015. Jackson was a protege of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. until King's assassination in April 1968.

Jackson was a presidential candidate for the Democratic Party ticket in 1984 and 1988, where he won significant presidential primaries in several states. His candidacies, which were transformed into mass movements, especially of Black people, challenged the racism of the majority white Democratic Party leadership.

Jackson played a prominent role in the global movement against apartheid in Southern Africa during the 1980s. He publicly opposed the criminal U.S. blockade of Cuba, even meeting face-to-face with Comandante Fidel Castro. Jackson expressed support for the Palestine Liberation Organization when the late Yasser Arafat was its leader. Jackson spoke before hundreds of thousands of people against U.S.-sponsored wars like in Iraq, against racism, for the poor and for workers' rights.

These gestures earned Jackson the respect and admiration of millions of people inside the U.S. and around the world. On the flip side, Jackson's stances also earned the ire of the billionaire ruling class, even to this day.

So it is within this historical context that, when Jackson's family made an official request for his body to

lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., that request was denied by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-La.). In the past, such requests were granted for Civil Rights pioneers Rosa Parks and John



Jesse Jackson and Fidel Castro meet on June 26, 1984, in Havana.

Lewis, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the despicable Billy Graham, along with U.S. presidents. During such commemorations, the public is allowed to file by the deceased person's casket inside the Rotunda for several days to pay their respects.

So Johnson's response that there is a precedent set in place in terms of who and who cannot lie in state in the Rotunda is baseless. Johnson's decision was an arbitrary one based on racist hostility, not only towards Jackson as an individual but, more importantly, towards the entire Black community. Jackson represented, in a politically modest way, Black people's centuries-long aspirations for social equality dating back to the days of chattel slavery.

Johnson's decision cannot be separated from the Trump administration's white supremacist order to remove federally sponsored monuments reflecting the existence of U.S. enslavement of African people and resistance towards its sordid legacy, including now. The Department of Justice — including its Civil Rights Division — has been discouraged from ruling in favor of any lawsuits that claim human rights violations, made on behalf of Black people, either wounded or killed by police violence.

Reverend Jackson was not an anti-capitalist, militant revolutionary. He wasn't anti-imperialist nor did he even declare himself to be a democratic socialist like Bernie Sanders. Jackson was a progressive Civil Rights activist and fought for reforms within the internal structure of the Democratic Party. Based on the standards of bourgeois decorum, Johnson's refusal should be viewed not only as a racist slap in the face towards Jackson's family and colleagues, but towards Black people's ongoing struggle for full social justice and liberation. □

# In 140 cities, German youth reject conscription threat

By John Catalinotto

More than 50,000 youth throughout Germany joined the second national school strike on March 5 to protest against impending compulsory military service. As the young organizers did last Dec. 5, 2025, they again reached tens of thousands of their student siblings, this time in 140 cities. They said that the largest action gathered 6,000 young people who marched from Potsdamer Platz to Oranienplatz in Berlin.

After the massive antiwar movements in Western Europe in the 1970s and 1980s, many governments were forced to end conscription. As in the United States, the European imperialist rulers focused on building armies based on more professional soldiers and advanced technology.



Youth protest in Berlin against conscription, March 5, 2026. "Youth fight back" and "The rich want war, the youth want a future" on homemade signs.

But the governments, now attempting to mobilize the working class for war against Russia, have looked toward reinstating conscription, or what in the U.S. was called the military draft. This re-militarization has awakened a fightback among German youth.

According to a March 6 report in the German daily newspaper, junge Welt, the political thrust of the protest "was unmistakably class-conscious and anti-imperialist. A recurring slogan was: 'The rich want war, the youth want a future!' and 'No people, not a penny for the Bundeswehr [Germany's armed forces]!'

"Homemade signs and banners bore slogans such as 'Dying is not on the timetable,' [Christian Democratic Chancellor] 'Friedrich Merz to the front!' 'Our only struggle is the class struggle,' and asking that the government budget give priority to 'Education instead of military service.'"

Speeches protested that billions of euros are being spent on arming the Bundeswehr, while the education system has been ruined by budget cuts.

To counter the pro-militarist propaganda in the corporate media, as the demonstrators marched past the Axel Springer high-rise building in the Kreuzberg neighborhood, they raised thousands of middle fingers in the direction of the headquarters of the

center-right Welt and Bild newspapers. Palestinian flags and banners condemning the U.S. attacks on Venezuela and U.S. and Israeli bombings of Iran were also seen.

Older supporters also came — students, parents and some teachers and educators. A group of education professionals carried a banner reading "You won't get [your hands on] my class."

The next school strike against compulsory military service is announced for May 8 — the 81st anniversary of the victory over Hitler's fascism. □

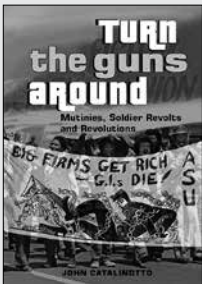
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by John Catalinotto

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— Pvt Larry Holmes,  
GI resister and organizer for the American Serviceman's Union 1972-74.

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# BAFTA and BBC allow racial slur to air

WW COMMENTARY

By Monica Moorehead

On Feb. 22, during the annual British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards show in London, while two African American actors, Michael B. Jordan and Delroy Lindo, were presenting an award, John Davidson, who is white, shouted out the N-word for the in-person and streaming audience to clearly hear. The pre-recorded awards show is comparable to the annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Awards aka Oscars show held live in Los Angeles. Both Jordan and Lindo were nominated for acting in the movie “Sinners” at the BAFTA ceremony.

Davidson suffers from Tourette syndrome, which according to Tourettes Action is a neurological condition affecting around 300,000 people in Britain. The syndrome causes sudden sounds or movements — known as tics — which sufferers have no control over. The condition is believed to be linked to overactivity in brain circuits involved in involuntary movement and speech. There is ongoing research regarding the syndrome.

According to a spokesperson for Tourettes Action following the Feb. 22 incident: “We deeply understand that these words can cause hurt, but it is vital the public understands a fundamental truth about Tourette syndrome — tics are involuntary. They are not a reflection of a person’s beliefs, intentions or character.” (The Daily Mail, Feb. 23)

In the same article, Professor Sophie Scott, director of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London, said: “It is not intentional, and people with Tourette’s are not trying to shock — despite what people have said in response. For people with the syndrome, a tic comes on in the same way that we might feel a sneeze. You just can’t stop it — it is involuntary.”

Shayla Amamiya, a Black influencer with Tourette’s, stated: “I’m not going to say that people can’t be offended by the fact that somebody said the N-word as a tic. However, it’s not something that somebody can control. It’s not something that somebody wants to say.

“We must understand what coprolalia is. [It] causes involuntary swearing and inappropriate tics. This can include the N-word slurs, etc. I am a Black person, and I have even used the N-word tic and slurs as tics. This is something I don’t see many talk about, because of situations like this.” (Black Enterprise, Feb 24)

The 54-year-old Davidson is the subject of an acclaimed documentary entitled “I Swear” that chronicles his life living with Tourette syndrome from the time he was a teenager to help raise public awareness and empathy on this misunderstood condition.



Actors Michael B. Jordan and Delroy Lindo at BAFTA Awards, Feb. 22, 2026

And while Davidson left the awards show early due to “shame” he felt from the outburst, unfortunately he did not publicly acknowledge the embarrassment this caused for Jordan and Lindo, similar to the embarrassment he stated he felt towards Queen Elizabeth when he shouted out “F\*\*k the Queen” during a prior public event.

Who should be held accountable for this incident?

Well-known British actor Alan Cummings, the host of the BAFTA Awards, “thanked” the audience for their understanding of Davidson’s condition, which was important to do. But at the same time, he did not offer a public apology to Jordan and Lindo for what they had to endure along with Black people in general who understand all too well the origins of this racist epithet — dating back to the days of enslavement, not only in the U.S. but also in Britain.

Optics can play a major role especially when it’s not absolutely clear all the underlying dynamics taking place when a condition like Tourette syndrome is neither known widely or is misunderstood.

However, the overwhelming blame for this unfortunate situation lies squarely with the BAFTA producers and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) that aired the ceremony. With the show pre-recorded two hours before its airing, there was more than enough time for Davidson’s remark to have been censored altogether, followed by an immediate apology to Jordan and Lindo. Lindo commented that neither BAFTA nor the BBC reached out to him directly to offer an apology.

If the BAFTA producers could make the pro-Zionist decision to censor Akinola Davies Jr., a Nigerian-British filmmaker who called for a “Free Palestine” during his acceptance speech, then why could they not bleep out

Davidson’s racial slur? This was clearly a political decision made on what is and what is not acceptable free speech.

Black BAFTA member resigns

Filmmaker Jonte Richardson resigned as a BAFTA judge, accusing BAFTA and the BBC of negligence on how the Davidson situation was handled. Part of his resignation statement read: “After considerable soul-searching, I feel compelled to withdraw from the BAFTA emerging talent judging panel. The organization’s handling of the unfortunate Tourette’s N-Word incident last night at the awards was utterly unforgivable. I cannot and will not contribute my time, energy and expertise to an organisation that has repeatedly failed to safeguard the dignity of its Black guests, members and the Black creative community.

“However, when an organization like BAFTA, with its own long history of systemic racism, refuses to acknowledge the harm inflicted on both the Black and disabled communities and offer an appropriate apology, remaining involved would be tantamount to condoning its behavior. I hope BAFTA leadership comprehend the damage they and the BBC have caused and take the necessary steps to ensure their production staff are inclusive enough to prevent such an issue in the future.” (theguardian.com, Feb. 24)

And while both BAFTA and the BBC did eventually apologize for not editing out the racial slur, the damage had already been done in terms of exposing harm when oppressions are pitted against each other. And in this case, those oppressions are a disability and racism. In light of these two intersections of oppression, the main issue is how the situation could have been handled differently — in the most sensitive manner towards people of color and those dealing with an uncontrollable disability. □



Former BAFTA judge, Jonte Richardson

## Community demands ‘Justice for the Quakertown 5!’

By Betsey Piette  
Philadelphia

After 35 teenage students walked out of their high school in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, to protest the actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Feb. 20, they were attacked by the town’s police chief, Scott McElree, who was not in uniform nor did he identify himself.



PHOTO: FIRSTSOURCENEWS

Protesters gathered outside the Quakertown Police Department on Feb. 21, demanding answers and accountability after multiple arrests were made during a student-led protest the day before.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported on Feb. 22, that eyewitnesses, including some who videoed the incident, claimed that McElree, dressed in plain clothes, charged into the crowd of students, pushed one youth to the ground and put one teenager in a chokehold.

However, five students, some who were injured by McElree and other police officers while defending themselves, were arrested initially on simple assault charges, which were then elevated to aggravated assault, a felony, because their alleged “victim” was a police officer.

The youth, including two who were injured, were held in jail for over 72 hours. The last of the five detainees was not released until Feb. 26.

Many of the students are youth of color and some are children of immigrants. As they were marching from their campus, they were taunted and harassed by another group of students yelling insults, including racist epithets, at them. One student told the Inquirer that counterprotesters also drove past them in vehicles, honking and shouting. (Feb. 22)

The Inquirer reported that Ettore Angelo, one of the attorneys for the arrested youth, said, “McElree arrived in an unmarked car, had no badge or hat or uniform on, and never identified himself” before he barged into the crowd of students, some who acted to protect one another. He said McElree “put himself smack in the

middle and created a melee,” and added, “I think he owes the community and these teenagers an apology.”

Parents and other supporters of the students, angry over the district’s handling of the protest, took their demands for McElree’s resignation to the Quakertown Council meeting on Feb. 26. However, a major problem is that McElree is not only the top cop, he is also the borough manager.

History of racism in borough

Located roughly 47 miles north of Philadelphia, white people make up 77% of Quakertown’s population of 9,300 residents. Black, Asian and Latine residents make up the rest. Many speakers at the council meeting linked the attacks on students to the broader climate of intolerance and racism in Quakertown.

At a meeting of the local school board on Feb. 26, one parent, Ashley Crowell, stated: “Our students spoke up and that resulted in mismanagement of the situation by white men, with ignorance of other people’s lived experiences with discrimination.” (Inquirer, Feb. 27)

Attorneys for the teenagers have also raised concerns about McElree’s right-wing-social media posts, heavy with MAGA-leaning talking points.

Justice for the Quakertown 5! □

# Epstein files expose capitalist sexual predators – including Trump



Survivors of Epstein's abuse and their family members demand release of unredacted files at Epstein's ranch in New Mexico, March 8, 2026.

There can be no doubt that President Donald Trump epitomizes capitalist depravity. Now there's even more proof from the Epstein files with a woman accusing Trump of sexually abusing her when she was a teenager — abuse that

Epstein allegedly arranged. The information in the latest dump of files—which is heavily redacted in a way that protects abusers but not survivors of abuse—nevertheless includes names of numerous ruling-class figures. Among associates of the late Jeffrey Epstein and his sex trafficking operation are business executives, Wall Street bankers, billionaires and millionaires—including Elon Musk and Les Wexner—politicians and members of royal families, such as Britain's former Prince Andrew. Epstein procured women, girls and gender-oppressed people and made them available for sexual exploitation. Sometimes these dealings were combined with all sorts of financial misconduct. This is how Epstein, whose fortune is estimated at \$600 million, got rich.

No wonder billionaire capitalists are now being referred to as “the Epstein class” or “the Epstein cabal.” People recognize the link between wealth and power — acquired by the exploitation of working-class and oppressed people — and sexual exploitation. The capitalist class has a predisposition toward engaging in the horrible abuse that Epstein's survivors have graphically exposed. The files, even with all the redactions and even with millions of pieces of evidence still being withheld, make that fact obvious. Now it may seem, even to some anti-war activists, that Trump launched a war against Iran as a distraction from the damning evidence in the Epstein files. That's not an accurate assessment. This imperialist war, like all imperialist wars, is driven by the profit system's need to expand, in this period by recolonizing its former areas of control in the Global South.

In any case, if Trump thought there would be any diversion away from his Epstein association, he was mistaken. Polls show the vast majority of people in the U.S. and elsewhere oppose the war against Iran, and other polls show Trump's disapproval ratings above 50%. In fact, the massacre of over 165 Iranian school girls by the U.S. military on Feb. 28 is another example of Trump's misogynistic depravity. Revolutionaries need to be the opposite of the patriarchal billionaire class and act in solidarity with women, girls, gender-oppressed people, LGBTQIA2S+ communities and survivors of trauma. We need to use the negative examples of Epstein, Trump, the former prince and so many others in the global ruling class to explain how misogyny is rooted in class society. Smash the patriarchy! Smash capitalism! □

## Heroic Iran resists imperialist attack

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the U.S. and Israel. The Iraqi Resistance caused major damage to U.S. bases in Erbil, the capital of the Kurdistan Region of northern Iraq. They also set fire to oil facilities belonging to Halliburton, one of the world's largest oilfield service companies, that has been an integral part of the U.S. occupation there since the U.S. war on Iraq in the early 1990s. The armed wing of Hezbollah, a political party based in Lebanon, has heroically been fighting the ground troops of the Israel Occupation Forces, forcing Zionists



Tehran's Enqelab Square celebration of election of new Supreme Leader, Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, March 9, 2025.

potable water to be shut off to 30 villages. A hundred million people in the Gulf Region depend on desalination to purify their drinking water. In response, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, stated, “The U.S. set this precedent, not Iran.” Iran bombed Bahrain's desalination plant in retaliation. Thirty of Iran's oil refineries were bombed on March 6, causing oil to fall from the sky like rain and then flow in the streets and sewers, resulting in a toxic environmental disaster. The U.S. Navy murdered over 100 Iranian sailors and wounded over 30 when it attacked the unarmed IRIS Dena submarine destroyer on March 4, returning from a naval exercise organized by the Indian government that the U.S. had declined an invitation to participate in. According to the Iranian-based Press TV, since Feb. 28, over 1,200 Iranian civilians have been killed and over 10,000 wounded. Children have made up 30% of the fatalities. Twenty-five hospitals have been damaged with nine completely destroyed along with 14 ambulances.

**‘We are a brave nation’** When Foreign Minister Araghchi was asked on NBC's Meet the Press on March 8 about Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu asking Iran for a ceasefire, he replied: “They are calling for a ceasefire again, this will not happen. There must be a permanent end to the war, and until we reach this stage, I think we need to continue fighting for the security of our people.”

And when asked about Trump possibly sending U.S. ground troops to Iran, Araghchi stated: “We have very brave soldiers who are waiting for any enemy that makes the mistake of entering our territory. They will fight it, destroy it and kill it. This will happen in the coming days, this will happen in the coming years, and this will always be the case in Iran. We are a brave nation. We have a great civilization.

For thousands of years, we have defended our land, and we will continue this defense for as long as it takes.”

**What's at stake?** By assassinating Iran's Supreme Leader and massacring school children, the U.S. and Israel arrogantly thought that the Iranians could be terrorized into surrendering. But just the opposite has happened on the political, military and economic fronts. Millions of people in the Global South — and even many in the Global North — have come out into

the streets to show solidarity with Iran, further isolating the U.S. and Israel on a global scale. Iranians living abroad are seeking to return to their homeland to help defend their country. Shipping has been unable to use the Strait of Hormuz for any oil and gas exports due to seven insurance companies unwilling to pay the high costs of guaranteeing safe passage. Twenty percent of the world's oil and natural gas exports depend on this strait. Gas prices have risen to \$4 a gallon in the U.S. and could rise even more in the coming days and weeks. The longer the war goes on, the more fear of major disruptions in global energy markets grows. Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Dr. Ali Larijani reported that members of the U.S. special forces have been taken into custody. And contrary to corporate media reports that

only seven U.S. soldiers have died since Feb. 28, Iranian officials state that over 170 U.S. soldiers have either died or been wounded. (The Cradle, March 8) The majority of the U.S. population is opposed to seeing soldiers die in a war for empire. What is needed is funding for jobs, housing, education, food and other human needs, not bombing, killing and occupation. This is an imperialist war imposed on Iran by two terrorist administrations that seek a new form of colonial rule of the most powerful, formidable country in the Gulf region. But the Iranian people — forced to endure decades of harsh U.S. sanctions and other forms of aggression as punishment for their 1979 Revolution — refuse to be intimidated and resubjugated under foreign rule ever again. The people of Iran are not the enemy. U.S. imperialism is the real enemy. □

## U.S. war on Iranian women

**By Betsey Piette** *The following excerpt is from a talk at the International Working Women's Day protest in Philadelphia on March 8, 2026. Go to workers.org/2026/03/91389/ to read the entire talk.*

We cannot observe International Working Women's Day today without soundly denouncing the war launched by the U.S. and Israel against Iran, and in particular the impact of this brutal war on Iranian women. Among the first victims of U.S. bombs were 165 school children, mainly girls, in Minab, Iran. Apparently U.S. artificial “intelligence” claimed this was a military base, although the school was built on the site 10 years ago. On the same day, 20 female

volleyball players were killed in another airstrike against Iran's Fars Province. Even before Feb. 28, women in Iran suffered from U.S. sanctions that limited women's access to basic needs and health care. Sanctions created job losses which disproportionately impacted women. And restrictions on imports reduced access to essential goods, including sanitary napkins. On March 1, during a protest against the U.S. war on Iran, a pro-Israeli, male counterdemonstrator tried to disrupt the event, shouting that we should be concerned about women in Iran. Back in 2002, before the second war on Iraq, U.S. propaganda claimed they wanted to “save Iraqi women.” In the course of that war, between 500,000 to one million Iraqis died — the majority women and children. □



Hundreds march on International Working Women's Day in Philadelphia, March 8, 2026.

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**More U.S./Israeli war crimes** Once it became crystal clear that the U.S. and Israel had underestimated the military capabilities and resilience of the Iranian armed forces, on March 7 the U.S. and Israel struck a major freshwater desalination plant on Iran's Qeshm Island, causing

# Status of women in Iran

By Susan Abulhawa

This post [on X] is for everyone trying to use the mantra of saving Muslim women, the tired bullshit the west has used to actually destroy the lives of Muslim women for decades. Below are some statistics specific to Iran.

**Literacy among women**

Prior to the Islamic Revolution in 1979, the literacy rate for women under the western-backed Shah of Iran was 42%. In less than a decade of the revolution, that number climbed to 98%.

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) graduates**

In Iran, 70% of STEM graduates are women — far exceeding the U.S. level, which stands at 53%.

**Professional doctorate programs**

About 58% of students in Iranian professional doctorate programs are women. In contrast, that number in the U.S. is 56%.

**Femicide (homicide of females)**

In Iran, the rate of intentional murder of women is 0.59 per 100,000. In the U.S., that number is nearly four times higher, at 2.1 per 100,000 women (with stark racial disparities: Black and Native American women combined: 4.3 to 4.8 per 100,000 vs white women: 1.5 per 100,000.)

**Participation in government**

In Iran, women hold 27% of ministerial-level posts with 1,121 female judges and 25% of managerial roles in government. (These numbers are from the early 2000s and are surely much higher now.)

**Maternity leave and benefits**

In Iran, the Law on Family and Youth Support mandates nine months PAID maternity leave for public and private sectors—plus an optional four months remote work during pregnancy—job security protections for extended unpaid leave and two weeks paternity leave. In the U.S., the only federal guar-

antee is 12 weeks of unpaid maternity leave. Furthermore, the following benefits are available to Iranian women, but not U.S. women:

- Free maternity care and subsidized infertility treatments**  
Nationwide free maternal and delivery services, including for uninsured women. Infertility treatments are heavily subsidized at 90%.
- Labor protections**  
Pregnant women are reassigned from



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**Iranian women college graduates.**

hazardous jobs without pay loss; nursing breaks are offered until a child is two years old; workplace childcare provisions are required.

- 3. Family support policies under demographic law**  
This includes housing assistance, loans for married couples, job prioritization for parents, childcare subsidies and retirement benefits for mothers with multiple children.

**Gender affirming treatment**

Iran legalized gender-affirming surgery (SRS) in the 1980s! The government subsidizes surgeries and hormone therapy for trans individuals who are at least 18 years old and have completed an approval system that requires psychological counseling and hormone therapy for one to three year. In the U.S., SRS is a for-profit industry with no subsidies.

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## Revolutionary women leaders

# Who is Cilia Flores? Who is Delcy Rodríguez?

By Sara Flounders

Cilia Flores, kidnapped with President Nicolás Maduro and held prisoner in New York City, is, in the corporate media, often relegated to the dismissive, nondescriptive title of “First Lady.” This suggests she is a mere appendage to the Venezuelan head of state.

Flores has been a political leader of the Bolivarian Revolution for more than 25 years who has held top elected offices. She was elected to the National Assembly in 2000, 2005 and 2021 and was the first female president of the National Assembly (2006 – 2011), served as Attorney General (2012 – 2013) and was elected to the Constituent Assembly in 2017.

Flores is one of the most powerful political figures in Venezuela.

Flores did not come from a wealthy or connected family — she was not a child of privilege. Flores was born in 1956 in the small town of Tinaguallo in the very poor rural state of Cojedes in north-western Venezuela and lived with her five siblings in a mud-brick shack with a dirt floor.

Maduro talked about his partner’s early life in his 2013 election campaign, saying she moved with her family from the rural state of Cojedes to Catia. Catia is a large, densely populated, low-income, working-class neighborhood in western Caracas. With a population of 1 million people, it is one of Caracas’s major barrios. Catia was one of the impoverished neighborhoods, without basic infrastructure, where informal housing clung to steep hills. Catia, like all the barrios, lacked sanitation, sewage, lighting, health care and education. This barrio, with its intense urban congestion, became an important center of the emerging Bolivarian movement.

Flores was an exceptional student who managed to attend law school while working to support herself. She then focused on labor law, married and had three children.

**El Caracazo Uprising**

In 1989, life changed for Flores and for millions of Venezuelans, based on a national uprising against International Monetary Fund-imposed “structural adjustment” measures. This uprising, called “El Caracazo,” was a rebellion against the massive austerity, privatizations and currency devaluation. Overnight, food, fuel and transportation costs had skyrocketed as state subsidies of basic necessities abruptly ended.

This uprising across Venezuela and especially in the urban barrios of Caracas was a profound revolutionary break in the whole political structure. The brutal repression by the military resulted in thousands of deaths and disappearances.

Flores says this uprising and the following repression ignited a “revolutionary calling” in her.



**Cilia Flores (left) and Delcy Rodríguez.**

From the beginning Flores, union leader and now President Nicolás Maduro and Acting President Delcy Rodríguez were part of the leadership in the revolutionary movement that emerged from the El Caracazo uprising.

This was the development that also radicalized Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías, a young army major, and a whole layer of low-ranking officers and enlisted military members. Influenced by the revolutionary leader of Venezuela’s struggle for independence from Spanish colonialism in 1821, Simón Bolívar, Chávez formed a clandestine group within the military who believed that the country’s vast natural wealth should be used to benefit ordinary Venezuelans.

“El Caracazo” was the rupture that led Nicolás Maduro, a bus driver and the son of a union activist, to start organizing the bus drivers of Caracas, who at that time provided an essential service for all workers who lived miles from the city center in hillside barrios. These bus drivers were unorganized, irregular, “informal” workers without any rights or union benefits. This was true for most of the workforce in Venezuela at that time.

Several years before the uprising, in 1986, young Maduro spent a year in Cuba at a school run by the Union of Young Communists.

Delcy Rodríguez was 7 years old when her father — the rebel fighter Jorge Antonio Rodríguez, who founded the Socialist League Party — was killed under torture in police custody in 1976.

The Socialist League was a small

Marxist-Leninist political party that promoted armed struggle in the 1970s and 1980s. It merged into the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) along with several other left political parties in 2006 when Hugo Chávez founded the PSUV. Maduro had been a member of the Socialist League.

**A failed coup ignites a movement**

On February 4, 1992, Chávez, with a small group of revolutionary soldiers, launched a coup against the notoriously corrupt President Carlos Andrés Pérez, the politician who had imposed the austerity measures. The coup did not succeed but it electrified a national movement.

Flores, as a young lawyer, volunteered to represent Chávez and was instrumental in winning his release two years later. She was also the lawyer for several other imprisoned patriotic military officers. After his release Chávez traveled the country building a new political Bolivarian movement based on the promise to dissolve the old political party system, rewrite the constitution and redistribute the nation’s oil wealth to the poor.

Flores formed part of Chávez’s campaign committee, and by 1998, when he was sworn in as president, Flores was a central figure in the Bolivarian Revolution. She was a key figure in developing the Bolivarian Circles as popular, grassroots committees and helped transform these committees into the armed Peoples Militia to defend the government after the failed U.S. coup against President Hugo Chávez in 2002.

After being elected to the National Assembly in 2000, Flores quickly rose to become the leading voice for radical measures in health care and education and for the popular mobilizations of the Communes. Workers in the millions won the right to organize in movements that swept every industry and plant and guaranteed rights, including pensions and disability benefits for workers and rural peasantry, and transformed Venezuela. A process of radical political and social changes emerged that included an electoral system at every level, from small neighborhood councils to districts, states and the National Assembly.

**Venezuela Transformed**

Millions of new housing units were being built based on oil revenue. New schools, including a whole free university system, arose. Hospitals and thousands of small health clinics, staffed by Cuban doctors, were created.

As a lawyer with revolutionary consciousness, Flores left the National Assembly when Chávez named her Attorney General in 2011. This was a key role in the enforcement of the radical new legislation and a transformed judiciary.

Chávez died of cancer in 2013. This was a blow to the popular revolutionary process. Chávez named his Vice President and union leader Nicolás Maduro as his successor.

Maduro was Flores’ long time companion, since the stormy days of the 1990s. She resigned as Attorney General in 2013 and officially married Maduro in July of that year. Flores stayed actively involved in political life in Venezuela and was warmly named “Primera Combatiente” (First Combatant).

The Constituent Assembly, which Flores served in, was the temporary body charged with drafting a new constitution to deal with the economic and political crisis created by U.S. sanctions and economic destabilization. But it was also set up to guarantee that the rights won through mobilization and legislation were firmly written into the constitution.

Flores was again elected as a deputy to the National Assembly for the five-year term of 2021 – 2026. This is still her official, legal position. She is not just “First Lady”!

After the U.S. brutally kidnapped President Maduro and Deputy of the National Assembly Flores on Jan. 3, on the same day the Constitutional Chamber of Venezuela’s Supreme Court ordered Vice President Rodríguez to serve as acting president.

The court ruled that Rodríguez will assume “the office of President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in order to guarantee administrative continuity and the comprehensive defence of the Nation.” This declaration had the immediate support of the Venezuelan military command and the Peoples Militia.

Rodríguez has been part of the revolutionary process in Venezuela since her childhood. She is trained as a lawyer and an economist and helped design the complex economic policies that helped Venezuela survive the ever tightening rounds of U.S. sanctions.

Both Flores and Rodríguez are exemplary revolutionaries!

Free Maduro and Flores now! □



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# ¡Detengan el ataque de Estados Unidos contra Irán!

8 de marzo: Los gobiernos terroristas de Estados Unidos e Israel lanzaron una guerra de agresión contra Irán en la madrugada del 28 de febrero. Entre los objetivos atacados se encontraban numerosas ciudades iraníes y una escuela de niñas en la ciudad de Minab, donde murieron al menos 150 niñas. En defensa propia, las fuerzas iraníes lanzaron ataques con drones y cohetes contra varios objetivos israelíes y bases militares estadounidenses en toda Asia occidental. La siguiente declaración fue redactada antes del ataque del 28 de febrero, pero hoy, 8 de marzo, ya no es necesario cambiar ni una sola palabra.

22 de febrero de 2026. La Casa Blanca ha ordenado a su flota de la muerte que rodee Irán. Amenaza al pueblo iraní con la destrucción y ha exigido la rendición del gobierno iraní.

El imperialismo estadounidense es un país opresor que impone la explotación de clase a los trabajadores del mundo y saquea los recursos naturales de las naciones que no pueden competir con las armas, las finanzas o la producción. Los aviones de combate y los misiles estadounidenses han atacado a todos los aliados de Irán y, en junio, han golpeado objetivos estratégicos en el propio Irán en colaboración con las fuerzas genocidas israelíes.

En estos días, en los que el capitalismo estadounidense está en declive en relación con el resto del mundo, Washington utiliza el Pentágono y sus más de 800 bases militares en todo el mundo y en su propio territorio para mantener o recuperar su dominio. No debe haber ninguna duda de que el gobierno estadounidense es el agresor en esta amenaza de ataque contra Irán.

Mundo Obrero subraya que la clase dominante imperialista estadounidense, representada por el grupo que ahora dirige el régimen estadounidense, pero incluyendo a los líderes del Partido Demócrata que se han sumado a la hostilidad hacia Irán, Cuba, Venezuela y otros, es responsable de cualquier futura baja entre



Málaga, Andalucía, en el estado español, 7 de marzo de 2026.

sus propias fuerzas. El gobierno estadounidense no solo ha enviado a estas tropas a matar, sino que las ha puesto en peligro.

Si Estados Unidos obliga a Irán a defenderse, es concebible que los enormes buques de guerra como el USS Gerald Ford o el USS Abraham Lincoln, portaaviones que albergan 150 aviones de combate, se conviertan a su vez en objetivos, junto con sus 10.000 tripulantes.

Mundo Obrero señala que cualquier batalla que inicie Estados Unidos podría convertirse en una guerra

regional. Podría expandirse hasta convertirse en una guerra mundial. Como potencia opresora y depredadora en el mundo y en la región de Asia occidental, el imperialismo estadounidense es responsable de toda la destrucción provocada por su agresión.

Que Estados Unidos sea el agresor también significa que cualquier orden de la Casa Blanca de atacar a Irán es una orden ilegal e inconstitucional. El grupo MAGA en el poder ha hecho pocos esfuerzos por disimular su dependencia de la maquinaria bélica para saquear los recursos del mundo, desde Venezuela hasta Groenlandia, pasando por Irán. Incluso se jactan de ello.

Cada dos palabras del presidente es una amenaza para el mundo. Pete Hegseth se deleita en llamarse a sí mismo secretario de guerra, prescindiendo de la hipocresía de la «defensa». Y el secretario de Estado Marco Rubio sermonizó a los imperialistas europeos en la conferencia de guerra de Múnich diciendo que deben restaurar por la fuerza el dominio colonial del siglo XIX.

La mafia MAGA ha prescindido incluso de los pretextos hipócritas que las anteriores administraciones, tanto republicanas como demócratas, han utilizado para intentar engañar a la población estadounidense y que les siga a la guerra. Es deber de todos los miembros del ejército estadounidense negarse a obedecer estas órdenes, o enfrentarse a la posibilidad de ser acusados de crímenes de guerra, además de morir o sufrir lesiones permanentes.

Nadie puede decir que no sabía lo que estaba pasando, que «solo seguía órdenes». Los mayores criminales están en el régimen MAGA y entre los demócratas que facilitan su guerra.

Y nadie en Estados Unidos que comprenda la naturaleza de esta guerra debe eludir su responsabilidad de luchar para detenerla. El régimen de Trump y el Pentágono son nuestros enemigos, no el Gobierno iraní y su pueblo.

¡Detengan el ataque de Estados Unidos contra Irán! □



Ciudad Nueva York, 28 de febrero de 2026.

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## A pesar del terror del ICE, los jóvenes se negaron a dejarse intimidar

Desde Jersey City, Nueva Jersey, hasta Chicago y Los Ángeles, desde las grandes ciudades hasta los pequeños pueblos rurales, los jóvenes están saliendo a las calles para expresar su oposición a la invasión de los matones del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE). Y hay buenas razones para las huelgas, marchas y manifestaciones llevadas a cabo especialmente por estudiantes de secundaria.

La primera razón es que los padres u otros familiares de muchos de los estudiantes emigraron de países del Sur Global. Sus padres son los principales objetivos del ICE, ya sea en casa, en el trabajo, de compras, etc. Los jóvenes están traumatizados por el miedo y la preocupación de si sus padres volverán a casa después de la escuela o si han sido secuestrados por el ICE.

Muchas de estas escuelas secundarias tienen una población mayoritaria de jóvenes de color, muchos de los cuales son estudiantes de comunidades migrantes.

Otra razón es que el ICE ha irrumpido ilegalmente en escuelas secundarias para atacar y detener a estudiantes que sospechan que son «ilegales». Estos ataques han enfurecido a otros estudiantes que ven cómo los matones

del ICE atacan a sus compañeros y amigos. Algunos estudiantes han sido golpeados y rociados con gas lacrimógeno. Desde el inicio del segundo mandato de Trump, el ICE ha secuestrado a más de 3800 niños.

Pero ninguna de estas amenazas y agresiones del ICE ha disuadido a los estudiantes de ejercer su derecho a protestar. La imagen de los estudiantes portando pancartas con lemas como «¡Que se joda el ICE!» y «¡Fuera el ICE de nuestras comunidades!» ha despertado un mayor apoyo y activismo por parte de la comunidad entre personas de todas las edades y nacionalidades.

Mientras el ICE imponga su presencia en las escuelas y comunidades, los jóvenes han demostrado que responderán con resistencia y lucharán en nombre de sus compañeros de clase perseguidos, a pesar del miedo y la inquietud que puedan sentir por ustedes mismos. Aunque esto es lo último que el presidente Trump y el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional quieren ver, es un

fenómeno que no pueden controlar.

Mundo Obrero aplaude el heroísmo y la valentía de estos jóvenes, que están dando un ejemplo extraordinario a millones de personas con su mensaje de unidad y solidaridad frente al terrorismo descarado. □



Huelga en una escuela secundaria, Jersey City, Nueva Jersey, 13 de febrero de 2026.