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Countrywide protests slam U.S. war on Iran

By Martha Grevatt

As of this writing, U.S. and Israeli airstrikes have murdered over 787 Iranians. One Zionist airstrike alone, on an elementary school in Minab, massacred at least 165 schoolchildren. The death toll continues to rise and now includes at least six U.S. military personnel.

But the U.S. 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 have been called for March 2 and beyond.

See full report at *workers.org/2026/03/91238*. ☐

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Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment 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, education 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, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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editorial

Racist lies from warmonger in chief

Politicians lie. That's no secret. They lie to get elected. Then if they get elected they lie after they take office.

Up until now, they have mixed in some truth to boost their credibility. Not so with the current occupant of the White House. His Feb. 24 State of the Union speech — at almost two hours the longest recorded by any U.S. president — was pretty much all lies.

Trump lied about inflation and the price of gasoline. He lied about jobs. He lied about taxes, Medicaid and so-called crime. And he repeated the false, tired lies about the "stolen" 2020 election. Etc., ad nauseam.

Trump lied about an alleged nuclear threat from Iran, without hinting at his war plans, carried out just four days later.

Perhaps the most despicable parts of a totally disgusting and bigoted speech were the oft-repeated racist, xenophobic lies about superoppressed migrant workers. And the blatant attack on the trans community.

But the challenge for working-class revolutionaries is not how to debunk the bulls--t Big Lies of the warmonger in chief. The liberal bourgeois media is doing an adequate job of that.

Our challenge is how to mount the resistance to Trump's fascist agenda — a resistance that both capitalist parties want to keep in check.

We can't rely on the Democratic Party or focus on the November elections. That was made crystal clear in the "Democratic response" to the State of the Union speech, given by recently elected Virginia Gov. Abigail Spanberger. Her talk was steeped in national chauvinism, referring to the "long and storied history of the United States of America being a force for good" and the "spirit of our forefathers."

Rep. Al Green (D-Texas), is ejected from the State of the Union speech as he protests Trump's white supremacy, Feb. 24, 2026.

These comments hid the true history — that the leading forefathers carried out genocide against Indigenous people and were enslavers of African Americans. Spanberger attacked China and Russia and ended her talk with the same conclusion as Trump's: "God Bless America." (pbs.org, Feb. 24)

Why didn't any Democratic members of Congress walk out when Black Rep. Al Green of Texas was escorted out of the Capitol for holding up a sign protesting Trump's white supremacist video attacking Black people? Or when immigrant guests Aliya Rahman and Marcelo Gomes da Silva were removed and Rahman was arrested and needed to be hospitalized?

It was really the "No work, no school, no shopping" actions in Minneapolis and beyond that laid a foundation for an independent, united, classwide movement of workers and oppressed people. That movement has to build on the general strikes that shut down Minneapolis on Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 and organize around all of the issues our class camp faces — from Immigration and Customs Enforcement attacks to wars against Venezuela and Iran to the genocide in Palestine to mass layoffs and union busting.

Growing that movement in the streets, workplaces, schools and communities and tying all of the struggles together is the only way forward. ☐

Marxism, Reparations & the Black Freedom Struggle

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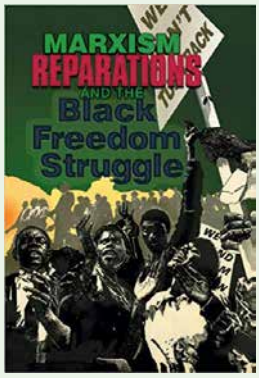

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Cuban gov't prepared to combat U.S. terrorism

Carlos Fernández de Cossío

Carlos Fernández de Cossío, a Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made the following statement to the national and foreign press in Havana, Cuba, on Feb. 26, 2026.

Yesterday, our authorities reported an attempted infiltration for terrorist purposes by 10 individuals on a vessel registered in the state of Florida. From the outset, and having detected that the vessel came from U.S. territory, Cuban authorities have maintained communication about this terrorist attempt with their U.S. counterparts, including the State Department and the Coast Guard. An investigation is underway to clarify the facts with the utmost rigor.

The Cuban government is willing to exchange information with the United States on this matter. Among other requests, we will ask the U.S. authorities for information on those involved, the means used and other details through the existing mechanisms. The U.S. government authorities have shown their willingness to cooperate in clarifying the facts.

It should be noted that the 10 individuals involved in the incident are as follows: Cristian Ernesto Acosta Guevara, Conrado Galindo Sariol, José Manuel Rodríguez Castelló, Leordan Enrique Cruz Gómez, Amijail Sánchez González, Roberto Álvarez Ávila, Pavel Alling Peña, Michael Ortega Casanova, Ledián Padrón Guevara and Hector Duani Cruz Correa, the latter four deceased.

In initial reports, Rolando Roberto Azcorra Consuegra was mistakenly identified as a member of the group, although he is not, despite being known for his history of violent actions and intentions against Cuba.

As previously reported, the items seized on the boat included weapons, such as assault rifles, sniper rifles, pistols, Molotov cocktails and multiple pieces of assault equipment, including night vision equipment, bulletproof vests, assault bayonets, camouflage clothing, ammunition of various calibers, combat rations, communication equipment and a large number of insignia from counterrevolutionary terrorist organizations. This information is still preliminary. More details will be provided in the coming days.

This is not an isolated incident.

Cuba has been the victim of attacks and countless terrorist acts for more than 60 years, most of which have been organized, financed and carried out from the territory of the United States. In recent years, Cuban authorities have denounced the increase in violent and terrorist plans and actions against Cuba and the sense of impunity that prevails among the organizers and perpetrators in the face of inaction against them.

The Cuban authorities have regularly provided the U.S. government with information on individuals who, in recent years, have been involved in promoting, financing and organizing violent and terrorist acts against Cuba. This information includes the national list of individuals and entities that have been subject to criminal investigations and are wanted by the Cuban authorities for their involvement in acts of terrorism.

It is drawn up in accordance with Resolution 1373 of the United Nations Security Council, the norms and principles of international law and the national legal system. Two of the perpetrators, Amijail Sánchez González and Leordan Enrique Cruz Gómez, are included in this list, which was shared with the United States in 2023 and 2025, and enjoyed impunity within U.S. territory.

The Cuban government is still awaiting responses to requests for information about them and the other individuals and organizations included in the list issued. Anti-Cuban groups operating in the United States resort to terrorism as an expression of their hatred against Cuba and the impunity they believe they enjoy.

Cuba reaffirms its absolute and categorical commitment against all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Our country maintains an exemplary record in combating terrorism and has fulfilled and will continue to honor the commitments it has made in this area.

Cuba is a State Party to the 19 international conventions on terrorism, pursuant to which it has implemented legal and institutional measures aimed at effectively combating this scourge.

Cuba has a duty and responsibility to protect its territorial waters. Our actions are consistent with international law, which applies to all countries, including the United States itself.

It is also part of the Cuban state's national defense as an indispensable pillar for the protection of our sovereignty, the life, security and well-being of Cubans. ❐

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Los trabajadores tienen derecho al 100 % de los reembolsos arancelarios

Protesta contra los aranceles de Trump en Miami, abril de 2025.

La sentencia del Tribunal Supremo de los Estados Unidos del 20 de febrero invalidó la mayoría de los aranceles exorbitantes impuestos por el presidente Donald Trump desde abril de 2025, que se utilizaron para intimidar a los países y que aceptaran una multitud de exigencias de Trump. En una votación de 6 a 3, una sentencia poco habitual en contra de Trump, el Tribunal Supremo determinó que los aranceles de Trump eran «inconstitucionales», ya que los aranceles son «facultades fiscales que pertenecen exclusivamente al Congreso».

Al imponer los aranceles, Trump alegó que la Ley de Poderes Económicos de Emergencia Internacional (IEEPA) de 1977 le otorgaba «el poder de regular o bloquear las transacciones comerciales internacionales tras declarar una emergencia nacional en respuesta a una amenaza extranjera inusual o extraordinaria». El tribunal dictaminó que el hecho de que ningún otro presidente haya reclamado jamás tal poder en virtud de la IEEPA es una prueba contundente de que dicho poder no existe.

En esencia, el Tribunal Supremo le dijo a Trump: ha perdido, vuelva a hacerlo y esta vez hágalo bien, para que no perjudique a los beneficios de las empresas.

La labor de los jueces nombrados para el tribunal más alto de Estados Unidos, creado en 1789, siempre ha sido proteger a la clase capitalista y mantener la opresión de los trabajadores y los inmigrantes, así como la esclavitud y el genocidio de los pueblos africanos e indígenas.

Con dos jueces conservadores nombrados para el tribunal durante la primera administración de Trump, pocas sentencias posteriores han ido en contra de su agenda. Seis días antes de la confirmación de Ketanji Brown Jackson, este tribunal anuló el acceso de las mujeres al aborto en virtud de la sentencia Roe contra Wade. Más recientemente, el Tribunal Supremo anuló las restricciones de los tribunales inferiores contra el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE). Una sentencia del Tribunal Supremo de 2025 permitió la prohibición de la atención médica de reafirmación de género para menores, y parece probable que el tribunal mantenga la prohibición de los atletas transgénero.

¿Qué hay detrás de la sentencia del Tribunal Supremo?

Los aranceles de Trump no han beneficiado realmente al sistema capitalista estadounidense. Incluso el anuncio de Trump de los aranceles propuestos en abril de 2025 provocó una crisis significativa, aunque temporal, en los mercados bursátiles.

Aunque la mayoría de las empresas repercutieron el coste de los aranceles a los consumidores, la promesa de Trump de que los aranceles devolverían los puestos de trabajo manufactureros a Estados Unidos no se ha cumplido, y los aranceles no han solucionado la crisis actual del capitalismo estadounidense, ¡por no hablar de la crisis a la que se enfrentan los trabajadores! En todo caso, han empeorado la balanza comercial entre Estados Unidos y otros países, principalmente China.

El impacto de los aranceles ha sido especialmente duro para cientos de miles de pequeñas empresas, que han tenido que solicitar préstamos, retrasar la contratación y cancelar sus planes de expansión, lo que ha provocado la pérdida de cientos de miles de puestos de trabajo.

¡Reembolsos para los trabajadores, no para el gobierno!

¿Qué pasará ahora y qué significa esto para la clase trabajadora, que ha sufragado colectivamente el coste de estos aranceles pagando precios más altos en todos los ámbitos?

Aunque los jueces sugirieron que los consumidores y las empresas estadounidenses tienen derecho a un reembolso de los ingresos por aranceles —estimados entre 133.000 y 200.000 millones de dólares hasta la fecha—, no ofrecieron ninguna sugerencia sobre cómo se llevaría a cabo. Trump ya ha desafiado la sentencia del Tribunal Supremo afirmando que puede imponer aranceles adicionales del 10 % al 15 % además de los antiguos.

La Federación Nacional de Minoristas de Estados Unidos, que representa a empresas como Walmart, y la Cámara de Comercio de Estados Unidos, piden una rápida devolución del dinero pagado al Gobierno federal en concepto de aranceles. FedEx, Costco, Toyota, Goodyear y Alcoa se encuentran entre las más de 1500 empresas que intentan recuperar los impuestos que pagaron. Pero Mundo Obrero afirma que cualquier reembolso debería destinarse a los trabajadores y consumidores en general que han soportado la mayor parte de estos aranceles, en particular los que han afectado a los precios de los alimentos.

Dado que la mayoría de las empresas repercuten el coste de los aranceles a los consumidores, los trabajadores deben exigir que cualquier reembolso resultante de aranceles ilegales se devuelva al 100 % a la clase trabajadora. Cualquier trabajador que haya sido despedido debido al impacto de los aranceles de Trump debe ser recontratado inmediatamente y se le debe pagar cualquier salario perdido. Los trabajadores y los consumidores también deben exigir una reducción del coste de cualquier producto que haya aumentado debido a los aranceles de Trump. ❐

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