

PART's Perspective:

Time for Total Transformation

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An undeniable sea change in mass public consciousness and practice has been taking place in the US in the past couple of months. Tens of millions of people have participated in an on-going series of mass protests for racial justice, mostly led by Black police abolitionists, in what seems to be the largest activist movement in terms of numbers of participants in US history. It has faced, and mainly faced down, efforts at police repression and intimidation. Now it is dealing with attempts to coopt and limit its impact to marginal reforms, such as the measure to cut some funds for the NYPD and LAPD by their City Councils, and the LA School Board cutting about 1/3 of the budget of the LA Schools Police Department. Congressional efforts appear stymied by partisan gridlock, probably designed to motivate voters for November.

What's behind these latest offers of reforms and palliative measures is crucial to understand, because they always come hand in hand with crackdowns.



Reform and repression, coercion and cooptation, are the one-two punch with which the rulers are trying to deal with a growing crisis of legitimacy.

Although Bernie Sanders talked about a "political revolution," it may not be overstating the case to say that we are in the midst of a cultural revolution that is immensely threatening to the powers-that-be. Amilcar Cabral underlined the importance of culture in the revolutionary process, and the grip of a white supremacist, settler colonial culture in the US has always been the greatest impediment to a revolutionary transformation of this society. The ruling class is well aware of the threat such a rupture poses and is doing its utmost to contain and reverse it.

The first turn was towards more naked violence, because the attempt to control and divide the oppressed and exploited with the classic divide and conquer weapons of white racial nationalism and "populism" were in fact failing. The difference between the astro-turf "re-open now" protests and the authentic mass movement in the streets for racial, social and economic justice make it resoundingly clear just how much the balance of forces has in fact shifted in our favor. The Boogaloo and white power militias were reduced to marginal players and provocateurs; the MAGA crowds to ineffectual counter-protests in a few enclaves of privilege. The "masses" became aware of their own massiveness. However, we should not minimize or underestimate the threat that independent reactionary action poses, not only to physical security during protests but on the entire terrain of struggle. In a situation where the power and authority of the imperialist bourgeoisie is weakened, fascist forces as well as liberatory one will seek to take advantage. We are facing a three-way fight, and situations of triple, not just dual, power.

Thus far protesters have not been intimidated by the use of force by the state or the racists; in fact it has



served to radicalize and energize them. Trump's pathetic attempts to use bluster, racism and the military to try to defame and cow the protests came to naught but an occasion for further splinters and fissures to open within the ruling class and the military itself. Cops or racists driving into crowds haven't deterred protesters from taking the streets. The struggle has internationalized because racial capitalism and reactionary ethno-nationalism are a common enemy of the world's people. Thus we have seen slave trader statues toppled in the UK, and the Israelis, even with a pro-annexation "national unity" government and the backing of the US, being unable to carry out their planned annexation of part of the occupied Palestinian territory.

The factor of "reform" and "concessions" has come

into play. Minneapolis actually moved to eliminate its police department. Diverting money into social programs while cutting funds for cops suddenly became the order of the day. Partly this is because of the backdrop of economic collapse due to the COVID pandemic that has exposed the failed nature of neo-liberal deregulation, austerity and privatization. Trump and the Dems had united around Wall Street bailouts and tax giveaways and the Federal Reserve provided zero interest credit to banks and even industry, because the coronavirus shutdown exposed the reality of capitalist exploitation -- that its wealth is only generated and sustained by the *constant* exploitation of human labor and expropriation of the wealth of nature. This was a huge pedagogical lesson to working people, greater than ten thousand Marxist pamphlets, about the nature of workers' power and the true relationship between the bosses, bourgeoisie and the state on the one hand, and the working, oppressed and colonized people on the other.

The political crisis provoked by millions in the streets



-- despite the pandemic -- around an end to racist police murders with impunity, and a general recognition of the depths of racism institutionalized and internalized within the US social, political and economic order -- far from being a distraction from the economic issues raised by COVID and the genocidal and deadly response (or lack thereof) by the US state apparatus, and the profiteering by the corporate elite, was the point of the spear of a response to those realities. It constitutes a mass recognition that the just Black struggle for liberation is the inevitable leading force in a struggle to transform this society.

There are those who see the world through conspiracist glasses, who see COVID as a plot by Bill Gates and company to usher in "the new world order". Others view the state and the billionaires as in command of the current situation, using Black Lives Matter as a cats-paw for similar elitist plans for remaking the US state as a component of this globalist oligarchy.

Such views fail to understand the fundamental lie at the base of this system, which incapacitates it from sound strategizing or even the ability to perceive reality -- the lie of white "supremacy". White people are not superior to Black people or other people of color, rich people are not superior to poor people, colonizers are not inherently more powerful, more intelligent or more resourceful than those they colonize -- far from it. The moral, intellectual, spiritual and philosophical high ground is occupied by those resisting and overcoming oppression, exploitation and colonialism. Any strategies or tactics based on the lie of white supremacy will be fundamentally flawed and ultimately doomed to failure.

Conspiratorialists not only overstate the power of the rulers, they deny the power and agency of the working and oppressed people. This, perhaps, is the pedagogy of the oppressed and colonized that Frantz



Fanon and Paulo Freire talked about mirror aspects of -- the recognition of the weakness, vulnerability and neediness of the oppressor on the one hand, and of the generative power, creativity and the capacity for self-critical self-examination and "conscientization" by the poor, exploited and oppressed on the other. This is the fundamental and unavoidable contradiction of capitalism and colonialism -- *the oppressor needs the oppressed, the exploiter needs the exploited, the colonizer needs the colonized, and are nothing without them.*

But the opposite is not true -- those who are colonized have no need for a colonizer, the oppressed want nothing more from their oppressor than to get his knee off their necks; the workers have no need of a boss, the land has no need of a proprietor, the people have no need of a ruler or a ruling class. As the 70s cartoon had it, a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle. "Whiteness" is defined by the oppression or stigma against a racial "other." The proletariat has no need of the parasitic and necrotic bourgeoisie. And more and more people are becoming aware of those truths through their own experience and practice. The "left" needs to catch up.

The question is, how can we build on and consolidate the gains in consciousness and practice? How do we transform the insurrectionary energy in the streets into an uncompromising, protracted insurgency that can take this struggle all the way to a full victory, to actually topple racial capitalism, settler colonialism and imperialism?

Groups like White People for Black Lives and the Showing Up for Racial Justice network it's part of have integrated thousands, even tens of thousands of new members, as have the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). But it's not enough to bring newcomers up to speed on the principles and strategy they had been pursuing previously. People need to rethink what is possible and necessary, because the quantitative leap in numbers should represent and enable a qualitative leap in resistance. A deeper struggle needs to take place inside those ranks about the need for something other than getting out the vote for "progressives" or even socialists, in primaries, or holding their noses to vote out Trump in



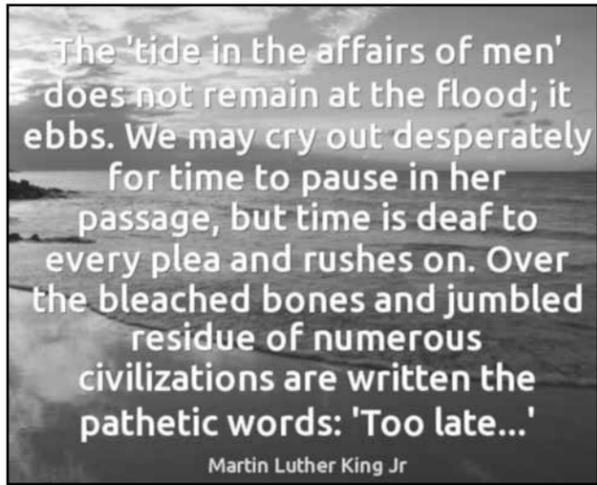
November. Black Lives Matter itself does not endorse candidates. The Movement for Black Lives has called for Trump and Pence to leave office now. That leadership needs to be taken more clearly to heart by its allies. It is time to withdraw consent from, and impede the operations of, the empire. It is time to build community defense corps. It is time to organize people to meet our own needs, because neither the COVID pandemic nor its economic consequences are getting better any time soon. Nor will the repressive power of the state end its coercive efforts.

But US capitalist settler colonialism is weaker and more riven by contradictions than it has been since the Civil War. Because there is a dialectic between the power of the people and that of the rulers, the peoples' forces are stronger and more united across previous racial, ethnic, gender and other potential divisions, as both a cause and a consequence of the rulers' failures. The time for decisive action is now. As Shakespeare had it, in Julius Caesar, "There is a tide in the affairs of men [sic], which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat, and we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures."

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And as Martin Luther King reminded us, failing to seize the time at such a moment can have disastrous consequences. The tide, he said, “does not remain at the flood; it ebbs....time is deaf to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residue...are written the pathetic words, ‘Too late...’” We have to seize the time.

The Peoples Strike, initiated by Cooperation Jackson in Mississippi as a united front effort towards a general strike, is promoting the idea of “People’s Movement Assemblies” (somewhat akin to efforts in other countries, and to what was attempted by the Occupy movement) as an arena for the necessary serious, long-term political struggle, education, learning and organizing effort in which revolutionary-minded people can integrate with communities around mutual aid, community self-defense, sustainable cooperative economics and other necessary elements of the kind of timely total transformation we need. (See article below about their Build & Fight Program). Cooperation Jackson also links urban and rural Black people and helps build food sovereignty in an epoch of drastic food insecurity and breakdowns in

the capitalist supply and value chains. This goes beyond the “survival programs” and serve the people approach of the 60s and early 70s, by beginning to challenge the capacity of the market to organize production as well as distribution and consumption.

We cannot allow the current upsurge to be sucked into the narrow, capitalist environs of the Democratic Party, or even the notion of being an outside “pressure group” on an incoming Democratic administration. As Malcolm reminds us, the Dems are the fox to the GOP’s wolf. Things are too far gone for us to fall for that old “good cop/bad cop” routine.

We need to put forward demands commensurate with what the times demand of us -- decarceration NOW under the threat of COVID. Supportive transitional housing NOW for the unhoused and those coming out of prisons and jails. End immigrant detention.

Health and safety in the workplace NOW, decarbonization and restoration of the environment NOW, abolition of the police, real reparations, health care or education as a human right, shutting down the US war machine, can only be accomplished by a fundamental and thoroughgoing change in property relationships, land tenure and political sovereignty.

Recognition of the indigenous, not just in verbal “land recognition,” must take the form of practical changes to dismantle the settler colonial empire that has been built on their land.

Undeniably, this is a huge undertaking. But the planet and the times call for nothing less. If we do not fight to go all the way, to topple imperialism and replace it with a system of social, political, racial, gender and economic justice, a system of communal public control of space, resources and the product of human effort and labor, we will condemn ourselves, future generations and the ecosystems of life itself to a grim future of genocidal and

**A fox is always more dangerous
in the forest than the wolf.
You can see the wolf coming.
You know what he's up to.
But the fox will fool you.
He comes at you with his mouth
shaped in such a way that even
though you see his teeth,
you think he's smiling
and take him for a friend.**
Malcolm X



ecocidal exploitation.

We owe it to humanity to exploit the emerging contradiction that the US settler colonial empire, once the world bastion of reaction, is now a weak link in the chains of imperialism because the crimes of untrammelled capitalism have so blatantly exposed the true nature of this society to so many. #TooLittleTooLate must be an indictment of the inability of the state and the ruling class to ameliorate conditions or meet the most basic demands for justice and equality, not a condemnation of the failure of our movement.

The Build & Fight Formula

The Build and Fight Formula

Cooperation Jackson will be developing and releasing an educational program on this transformative vision throughout July, August and September. We hope this will be a substantive contribution to the broad transformative movement in the United States and throughout the world.

This series will be 12 parts, including an introduction and conclusion and in-depth analysis and discussion of each point of this 10 point program.

Please follow the program on our YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter pages. See <https://www.cooperationjackson.org> for more information.

Police Contributions to Representatives Calculator

by The Future Left

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In support of **BLM-LA** and the global **Black Lives Matter** movement, **The Future Left** has created PCRC as an informational resource to help citizens demand their elected officials stop taking police donations and redirect city funds away from the police department and towards the needs of the people they represent, as laid out comprehensively by **Black Lives Matter-LA** at [The People's Budget LA](#).

Currently, PCRC covers only Los Angeles County, but we are hard at work to bring this resource to cities across the nation.

More Info

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Here's a representative sample of electeds in L.A. and how much they are getting from police and their PACs. Select a representative for their contact information and to view our call to action demanding that they sever their ties with the interests of police organizations and redirect the money to the needs of their communities.



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Editor's note: All Democrats.

Let My People Go! A Call To Release All U.S. Prisoners in Response to COVID-19

by Kevin Rashid Johnson

U.S. officials have often criticized Iran's prison conditions. As awful as the prison conditions in Iran may be, Amerika, the proclaimed bastion of freedom and democracy, is much worse. Shane Bauer, the Amerikan captured and imprisoned for 2 years in Iran, bore witness to this. In an interview in the November/December 2012 issue of Mother Jones magazine, he described the hardships of solitary confinement in Iranian prisons and found upon entering U.S. prisons, that conditions of confinement in Iran paled in comparison to those routinely practiced in Amerika.

Furthermore, in response to the coronavirus outbreak, Iran has released some 85,000 of its prisoners—over half of its prison population—including its high security and political prisoners. Yet Amerika refuses to release anyone but a handful of jail detainees in response to the pandemic.

We must demand greater action and the release of all U.S. prisoners, most of whom are unjustly confined anyway.

The Injustice of U.S. Imprisonment

With nearly two and a half million people in prison in the U.S., and poor, oppressed, and colonized people making up the disproportionate majority of them, almost every black and brown person in Amerika has a loved one or knows someone who is locked up. The impact of these mass incarceration practices targeted especially at black and brown communities, and almost exclusively at the poor, has been as disruptive of and destructive to our communities and families as the old chattel slave system that routinely sold loved ones off to distant slave owners, never to be seen or heard from again.

Because of the poverty and limited resources of these targeted groups, and the common practice of imprisoning people far away from their homes and communities, U.S. prisoners are as lost to their loved ones as were the antebellum slaves that were sold away.

There is no more justice in U.S. imprisonment than there was in chattel slavery. In fact, the 13th amendment was passed after the Civil War as a compromise to

Letter of Comment:

On “Now Is the Time to Empty the Prisons”

Dear Editor:

I was hopeful when I saw the title of Eve Ottenberg's editorial (“Now Is the Time to Empty the Prisons”), but after reading it, I was very troubled, and I wish you hadn't run it—at least without allowing a rejoinder.

Throughout the piece she limits compassion or release to “non-violent” cases, and that is both insulting and harmful. She even refers to “offenders” and categorizes people - not cases - as “non-violent,” meaning that all of us who were convicted of violent acts would be, forever, “violent” people.

It's a kind of extreme example of the Audre Lorde quote about using the master's tools to try to take down the master's house - using that language, and excluding people convicted of violent actions (which, by the way, not only excludes all the Black and anti-imperialist political prisoners, but also the leaders and members of Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP and more than 67% of incarcerated people in New York's prisons, as well as something like 64% of all incarcerated people in the US), means that any releases the state is forced to enact will not do a whit to bring us closer to abolishing prisons and policing.

It's a false dichotomy, accepts the state's definitions and their easy criminalization of whole communities, and works counter to any real efforts to transform the system.

This is something we in RAPP struggle against all the time with elected officials, media, and others, and it is distressing to see it so front-and-center in a radical publication.

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Editor's response: We had misgivings about the piece, but felt that adding a liberal voice might strengthen the case; clearly an error in judgment on our part.

southern slaveholders, that substituted racially selected imprisonment that subjected the imprisoned to state-controlled forced labor and social containment, for the old system of privately controlled forced labor and social containment.

Almost everyone in prison in the U.S. was “convicted” of crimes through the admittedly corrupt plea bargain process, through which they are coerced to pleas guilty, often for crimes that they were innocent of or were overly charged for, because they couldn't afford to hire lawyers who'd mount any real defenses for them.

For over 95% of Amerika's imprisoned, there were no trials before any of juries of their peers as the U.S. Constitution falsely promises and coming from marginalized social groups that the establishment cares nothing about, prisoners' health needs mean nothing to prison officials, which is why COVID-19 presents an especial danger to prisoners.

U.S. Prisons Are A Viral Hothouse

In the institutionalized prison setting, where large numbers of people are forcibly confined in close proximity to each other, a virus-like COVID-19 would spread like bacteria in a Petrie dish. Not to mention that officials would let it spread and go untreated as they have with other deadly viruses like Hepatitis-C.

Not only do officials care nothing of prisoners' health needs, but prison medical staff, who are known to be among the lowest quality, are undertrained and underqualified to provide needed care, and often can not find work anywhere else. Many are actually forbidden, because of professional misconduct from working anywhere but in prisons. One of many examples was Dr. Michael Mitcheff, who worked as Chief Medical Officer for the entire Indiana Prison System, where I've been imprisoned since November of 2018. As a private doctor, Mitcheff had his medical license revoked for repeatedly writing and filling false prescriptions in others' names to feed his own hydrocodone addiction. His license was reinstated on a probationary basis in 1999, with the medical board stating, “He may only work in the Indiana Prison System) [!?!]. [1]

DELBERT AFRICA REVOLUTIONARY!

By Mumia Abu-Jamal (c) 06/19/20

He was born under the name Delbert Orr, but is known in the world as Delbert Africa, a prominent member of the MOVE Organization. In the 70s in Philadelphia he was perhaps its best known and most frequently cited member. With more years than most, he was adept at using the media to spread information and promote MOVE purposes.

His country accent around Chicago and his ingenious puns made his remarks interesting and gave them journalistic value.



Delbert Africa attacked by Philly cops, 1978.

I regret to inform you that Delbert Africa, who won his freedom in January 2020 after 41 years imprisoned, lost his life a few days ago to the ravages of cancer.

But this is not the whole story. Late last year, Delbert was urgently taken to a nearby hospital due to an undisclosed disorder.

On leaving prison, Delbert consulted with some doctors who were horrified to learn of the drugs he was given while in Dallas prison in Pennsylvania State. A doctor said, “The drugs they used in that prison were poison.”

Still, Delbert ended his stay in prison strong in spirit. He loved the MOVE Organization and hated the rotten system.

Delbert criticized black people who supported the system and opposed the revolution. I used to call them “niggapeans,” a word I've never heard from someone else's mouth.

More than a decade before Rodney King's police beating and recorded on video in L. A., Delbert was beaten by four Philadelphia police officers on August 8, 1978, and the beating was recorded by a local station.

Video shows Delbert left unarmed from a basement window at his home after a standoff with police. With his naked torso, he had raised his arms in a gesture of



Mitcheff, the Indiana Prison System, and its medical contractor, Corizon were subsequently subject to a wave of lawsuits for malpractice and withholding needed medical care from prisoners. As a result, Corizon's contract was terminated in 2016.

Under existing circumstances, COVID-19 would become a pandemic of the worse sort inside U.S. prisons, which only compounds the injustice and inhumanity inherent in the Amerikan so-called criminal justice process. If Iran can release over half of its prisoners, Amerika can certainly release all of its own. Let us put forward the demand to let all our people go!

Dare to Struggle!

Dare to Win!

All Power to the People!

[1] Virginia Black, “Turn Over, Conditions Plague Doctor Hiring” South Bend Tribune, June 13, 2016

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accepting detention.

Immediately four officers surrounded him and savagely beat him, hitting him with the handle of their rifles, crushing his head with a motorcycle helmet, and kicking him until he lost consciousness.

Yep, that's what they did. Delbert suffered a jaw fracture and a swollen eye the size of an Easter egg.

There was a whitening trial of three of the police officers, in which the judge took down the case by impeaching the jury composed of people from rural areas of Pennsylvania, then declaring an acquittal of the police despite evidence recorded on video of the State brutality.

And that brutality was not limited to the streets of West Philadelphia, nor to the unfair trial and conviction of Delbert and other members of MOVE.

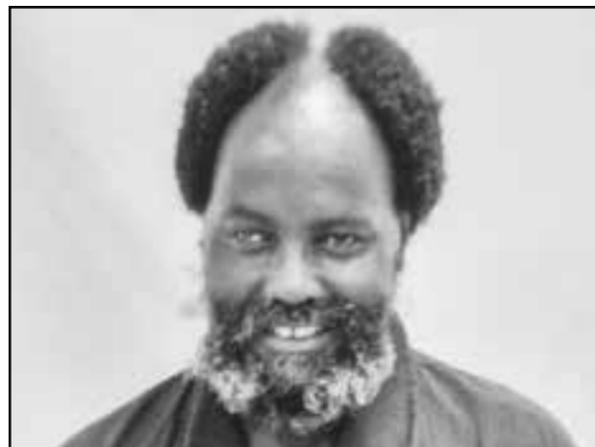
He continued for 41 years in exhausted soul lockdown and sorry health care. Delbert endured everything and walked free with his revolutionary black soul intact.

As a MOVE member until the end, he continued to follow John Africa's teachings, and lived embraced in the love of his MOVE family and daughter Yvonne Orr-El.

After all, love is the closest thing we've come to freedom.

Delbert Africa, after 72 summers, turned to his ancestors.

From imprisoned nation - I am Mumia Abu-Jamal.



July 25 International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners

Since the last July 25th International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners, the worldwide struggle against the nightmare of fascism and the far-right has grown and intensified. The news bulletins steadily report the racist and bigoted attacks, the harassment of journalists, the demonization of refugees and migrants, and the increasing presence and violence of organized fascist and far-right groups. While the bigoted, nationalist imagination reproduces itself on a global scale, it also attempts to turn us all into prisoners of the border.

History

The International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners originated in 2014 as a Day of Solidarity with Jock Palfreeman—an Australian man serving a 20-year sentence in Bulgaria for defending two Romani men from an attack by fascist football hooligans. Happily, Palfreeman has been granted parole after serving 11 years of his sentence, but there are still hundreds of others who remain imprisoned for standing up against fascism and hate.



Jock Palfreeman

Sirens

Poem by Michael Novick, TTT Editor

I live in the city of L.A. near Culver City's environs
And any hour of every day, I am besieged by sirens.

Ambulances, paramedics, fire engines and cops --
each walk or bike ride I take, the wailing never stops.

When I try to cross the street, they go tearing through the light.
And when I try to go to sleep, they go screaming through the night.

For weeks in Europe with hardly a claxon, I enjoyed the quiet.
Back in the US, it was copters and choppers, like a war zone or a riot.

Squad cars racing down the block. flashing lights and siren blaring
give the lie to their claims of serving, protecting, or caring.

Their constant piercing presence is an assault upon our senses
to which fingers, plugs or ear-buds can offer no defenses.

And when I climb, and meditate, atop the highest nearby hill,
the howling sounds of sirens surround and hound me still.

The shrillness seems designed to trigger post-traumatic stress,
to transform quiet neighborhoods into an auditory mess.

Like Ferguson's brazen cops chanting "Whose streets? Our streets!"
the sirens transform peaceful blocks into occupation beats.

Homes and stores that police sirens ceaselessly surround
become virtual prison cells behind intrusive walls of sound.

The sirens sound a warning horn, a threat of further violence.
I'm working towards a better morn, a day with blessed silence,

Without teargas, gunshots, spying, when the sirens finally cease,
The day on which we finally can abolish the police.



That's why July 25th is so important; the International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners aims to break down the borders and build an international response against fascism. By having an event, raising money, or dedicating an action to these comrades, we can simultaneously strengthen our local movements by ensuring that those who have acted to protect our communities against the fascist threat are never forgotten, as well as create the links of a powerful international solidarity which can transcend both the prison and the border wall.

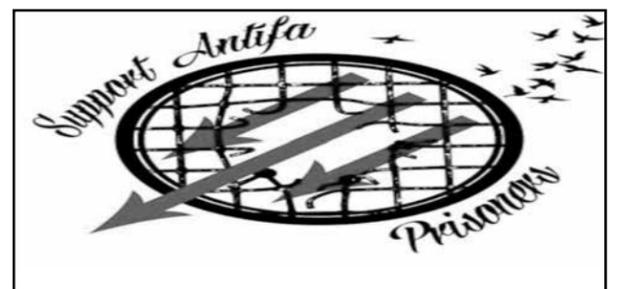
In 2020, Antifa International and the International Antifascist Defence Fund will be organizing and promoting campaigns and events around The International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners. This July 25th, 2020 we call on antifascists worldwide to act in solidarity with antifascist prisoners—the comrades who have been behind bars for many years, the friends who have just begun their sentences, the mates still awaiting trial—because they are in there for us, and so we must be out here for them!

<https://supportantifaprisoners.wordpress.com/antifascist-prisoners/>

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100X100 Campaign to Increase Publication Frequency of Turning the Tide

Over its 30+ year publishing history, *TTT* has been published in magazine format, as a 24-page tabloid, and from time to time on a bi-monthly basis, six issues a year. For the last few years, economic necessity has dictated that we guarantee four 8-page issues a year. To restore bi-monthly publication, we launched a fund-raising campaign we've dubbed "100X100."

We are still looking for one hundred people who will donate \$100 a year, or \$10/mo, to make it possible for *TTT* to resume publishing six issues a year, and continue mailing about 1700 copies of each issue into the prisons. You can donate online at <http://gofundme.com/eugzgg>. Help it go viral!

Turning the Tide doesn't print itself, or mail itself. Some prisoners who get the paper contribute a few stamps. Often, they pass the copy of *TTT* that they received from hand to hand, cell to cell, or they send in the names and addresses of half-a-dozen or more other prisoners. **Prisoners, if you can find donors or subscribers outside prison to subsidize your sub, that would help a lot!**

If you'd like to see *Turning the Tide* more frequently, if you want to contribute to breaking down the walls of isolation and separation imposed by the prison system, please contribute. If you can't manage \$100 all at once, you could donate \$10 a month. But any donation you make can help. Postage costs for a single issue of *TTT* are \$1000 and climbing. If you can't donate yourself, please help spread the campaign via your social media, to your Facebook friends, Twitter followers, and email contacts. Everything helps. Nobody makes a dime from working on *TTT*.

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Let the Rich Pay for the Crisis

By Katu Arkonada on July 4, 2020

Editor's Note: We are reprinting this piece, translated from Spanish by Resumen Latinoamericano, as an example of what we mean when we say we need to go all the way -- because this piece, despite its critique of the rulers and their system, fails to do so, by concluding that the "good" coming out of this crisis is apparently the social democratic state.

After the economic crisis of 2008, there was a sector that not only recovered quickly but continued to grow exponentially, the luxury goods sector. While a large part of the population saw their social and labor rights cut back, the occupation of 5-star hotels, the sale of real estate by luxury firms such as Engel & Völkers, or the purchase of products such as expensive watches, jewelry or art, increased by over 10 percent annually.

This obscene indicator sums up very well what the 2008 crisis meant for humanity.

The way out of the crisis was paid for by the social majorities for the benefit of an elite. The losses were socialized, through the purchase of the debt of the private banks with the objective of not collapsing the international financial system, and the profits were privatized. Other large companies such as General Electric or General Motors were rescued, without the State, after saving these companies, imposing any clause for the recovery of jobs. And when some of those jobs were recovered, it was with infinitely worse wage conditions than before the crisis.

Today, when the worst of the pandemic and the health crisis may be over, **[Ed. note: A clearly over-optimistic assessment.]** we are on the verge of a global economic crisis, probably stronger and deeper than that of 2008.

The World Trade Organization has estimated that the world economy could contract by as much as 18.5

percent, and the International Monetary Fund's April report estimates that regional GDP could fall by 5.2 percent, up from 5 percent in the 1930s after the 1929 New York Stock Exchange crash and certainly larger than the 2 percent after 2008.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, a region that exports raw materials and manufactured products, the ILO estimates that more than 10 million people will lose their jobs as a result of the pandemic, and ECLAC in its report "The Social Challenge in the Time of Covid-19" calculates an increase in poverty of 4.4 percentage points that translates into an additional 28.7 million poor people (to reach 214.7 million people) and an increase in extreme poverty of 2.6 percentage points, bringing the total to 83.4 million people in the region.

In addition to all this, there is the oil crisis, with a drop in production of 10 million barrels and the collapse of prices which, although already in recovery, will not reach those of 2019 by the end of 2020, according to the International Energy Agency.

If we add to this the structural crisis in the form of climate change that we are experiencing, with an increase in annual carbon dioxide emissions of more than 50 gigatons (each gigaton is equivalent to one billion tons), the result is devastating: accelerated melting of the poles at the same time as the sea level rises, and an increase in the average global temperature of between 1.2 and 1.3 °C over the next five years, which brings us closer to the dreaded limit of more than 2 °C of the average temperature of the planet above the pre-industrial period.

For all the above reasons, the debate on the capitalist mode of production is becoming increasingly urgent, but without positions, as we are used to reading about everything that has to do with the development model. The countries of the South not only have the right, but also the obligation, to lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, doing so in a balance between the growth

to which the countries of the North had access, and the rights of nature on a finite planet that does not have much more of itself to give

The global coronavirus pandemic has accelerated a crisis that was already looming on the horizon, that of an unsustainable mode of production, especially in the countries of the North, which also do not want to transfer technology, as a partial payment of the ecological debt they have with the South for the exploitation of their peoples, people, and natural resources for centuries. If we also add to the equation the variable of the financialization of the economy, with less and less production of tangible goods, and more economic speculation, the combination is explosive, and above all, unsustainable.

But if anything good comes out of this pandemic, it is the return of the State, the break between broad layers of the middle class of the cultural consensus installed by neoliberalism that the State was not necessary and that the less State, the more efficient it is. It is going to be very difficult for the defenders of neoliberal globalization in crisis to defend that the common goods, especially health, should not be in the hands of the State in order to guarantee universal access in the best possible conditions for its population.

There is the crack to break the neoliberal consensus, still hegemonic from the cultural point of view. The need for the return of the State. And after installing this new consensus, it is necessary to take a new step: that the crisis is not paid by the usual ones, those from below, the most humble. Let those at the top pay for the economic crisis that is coming. Let the rich pay for the crisis.

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The White Privilege to Terrorize

May 1, 2020 by John Pavlovitz. <https://johnpavlovitz.com/2020/05/01/the-white-privilege-to-terrorize/>

As a white man watching the Michigan protests of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home orders, all I could think was:

Black people don't get to do this.

Muslims don't get to do this.

Latinos don't get to do this.

People who don't look like this don't get to do this.

They don't get to swarm US state capital buildings in tactical gear with high-powered weapons, screaming in close proximity to police officers.

They don't get to dress up like Call of Duty cosplayers and attempt to physically intimidate politicians into bending to their wills.

They don't get to get to stop traffic in city streets decked out like they work at the Death Star and brazenly wield semi-automatic rifles.

They don't get to terrorize decent people and walk away.

Only white people get to do this. This violence is a singular privilege afforded to caucasian men in America.

People of color aren't afforded this luxury. They can't even get close to such ugliness. Heck, they barely get to breathe.

No, they're shot as 12-year olds walking through the park with toy guns.

They're choked out selling cigarettes on street corners. They're assassinated while unarmed in their cars during routine traffic stops.

They're gunned down in their homes by uninvited police officers.

They're driven into the pavement by overzealous security guards.

They're demonized as mothers declaring that their murdered children's lives mattered.

They're publicly vilified by white presidents for silently kneeling on NFL sidelines.

Black people don't get to wear menacing masks or flash handguns on courthouse steps or accost strangers looking like dollar store storm-troopers, in an attempt to frighten people.

They frighten jittery white people by simply existing in their blackness.

They frighten them by lingering in coffee shops.

They frighten them by eating lunch in their cars.

They frighten them by standing in front of their own homes.

In those places where they are simply and lawfully living, they are met with disapproving side-eye glances, greeted with clutched purses, and assailed by an army of terrified Karens, whose itchy text trigger fingers easily dial 911 when non-white young people congregate in a



park or crowd their favorite Chick-Fil-A dining room.

This privilege has always existed, but it's been decades since it's been afforded this wide a berth, this long a leash, and such kid gloves from leaders. The threatening displays of white rage around the country lately, are happening with such frequency and ferocity, because participants know that they have in this president, a dedicated advocate, a willing partner, a powerful accomplice.

It's no coincidence that in the middle of the fight to oppose stay-at-home protections by Blue governors choosing humanity over commerce, Trump tweeted out seeming non sequitur invocations to LIBERATE several cities and warned of second amendment encroachment. Though on their surface the subjects seemed unrelated to

stopping the spread of the virus, these tweets were clear dog whistles for his snarling white base to suit up, strap on weapons, and provide the free muscle in his reckless push to reopen American in the throes of a pandemic, knowing they'd never be held accountable.

This is MAGA America in its dawning renaissance of outward racism, showing us what is at stake as we approach another election. We aren't just choosing a president or party to steward us through the coming years, we're making a statement on what we will and will not tolerate as a people.

What we witnessed in Michigan was an act of terrorism, by the very definition of the word. We have seen many such acts this week, and if November allows this malevolence another four years, they will seem tame. The self-appointed soldiers in the army of the lord will grow more brazen and become more violent in their holy war to make America whiter—so decent white people need to resist them in the streets, on social media, and at the polls.

I fully suspect people of color will oppose this presidency in large numbers, because they see the disparity.

What I hope and pray, is that more white people, especially those who claim to be Christian, will also stand to reject the supremacy and racism that yields such willful homegrown terrorism; that we will use the unearned currency of our privilege to declare this violence un-American and inhuman and unacceptable.

White terrorists can no longer have a friend in the White House—not if we really want to make "America" great.



Climate Crisis, Pandemics, & Bad Governance: Humanity's Existential Threats

By: Gilbert Mercier

<https://www.telesurenglish.net/opinion/Climate-Crisis-Pandemics-and-Bad-Governance-Humanitys-Existential-Threats-20200606-0014.html>

Since I started *News Junkie Post*, 11 years ago, I have, as a rule, avoided the first person narrative. In my mind, there is a simple reason for an aversion for the “me, myself, and I” type of storytelling so widespread in our culture. The reader might wonder why I will make an exception to this self-imposed rule of first-person narrative avoidance. The answer is simple: once in a blue moon, events that either already impact humanity or are about to turn upside down all mankind’s existence personally hit you in the face like a thunderbolt.

Like most people on Earth, I have been dealing with COVID-19 while trying not to let the fear and paranoia factors affect me too much. What I didn’t expect was for humanity’s biggest challenge, the climate crisis, to join the pandemic. In my recent life experience, I’ve had to deal, at the same time, with the impacts of the climate crisis, a pandemic, and chronic bad governance, which are, unless we radically change course, humanity’s future. This is a snapshot of our common future. The three factors are compounded threats to the very survival of our species.

A town where “We Stand for Our Flag and Kneel for Our Cross”

I have lived for the past four years in a small rural community deep in the United States Bible Belt, where people are, by a large majority, white evangelicals. I call this part of the US Trumpistan, because of the strong support President Donald Trump has in this neck of the woods. Trumpistan is neither a state nor a country, but a state of mind. As an example, in the 2016 presidential election, Donald Trump obtained 93 percent of the votes in the county. Incidentally or not, this part of the US used to be within the Confederacy during the US Civil War. Economically, this community is poor, and it barely survives from cattle ranching and fracking.

Most people, except the ranchers, are poor, but nonetheless, they follow, as patriotic evangelicals, what has become Trumpistan’s core motto, “We Stand for Our Flag, and Kneel for Our Cross.” Many are climate change deniers and creationists. At first, they viewed the COVID-19 pandemic either as a hoax concocted by the Democrats to make Trump lose his reelection bid or as a



deliberate Chinese attack on the US. In this context, I view myself as an amateur anthropologist and a sociologist.

Elderly COVID-19 lock-down misery in a retirement home

For me, the dramatic events occurred on May 22, 2020. It was a Friday, and the town had scheduled its yearly high school graduation celebration. Naturally, the townspeople, like most people on this planet, we’re still trying to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. For this purpose, and to celebrate the end of the strict lockdown affecting its retirement home, the community held an event where about 40 elderly people (see photographs) were allowed to sit outside to be greeted by relatives who drove by. It was overall an extremely sad ceremony, and I could not help myself thinking of the inherent sickness of our so-called modern civilization, where the older generation is institutionalized while, in most cases, they could have been cared for by their children or grandchildren.

In western Europe and the US, retirement homes had an extremely high mortality rate during the COVID-19 pandemic. The residents of this specific facility, just like in the rest of the US and most western European countries, were further victimized by the interdiction of visits from their relatives. They had to deal with the great psychological pain of isolation, on the premise of their

own good, all of it by governmental decrees.

One could hope that the pandemic will give an acute sense of guilt to people who consider their elderly parents to be inconvenient and put them in the care of others in an institution. It is morally wrong and cruel to treat your elderly parents this way. In decent societies, either archaic societies or ones of recent past, the entire family took care of their aging relatives when they became weak and frail. The wisdom of age was respected, and older people in need of help were not put away, institutionalized, and subcontracted to strangers. Furthermore, the elders were actually revered, as the younger generation would seek their advice.



Photo: Gilbert Mercier

On a tornado path

At dusk, a thunderstorm came. The sky turned black towards the north-west while it was still clear in the south-east. The temperature dropped abruptly. The thunderous black clouds had company: it was a tornado. The rain didn’t start right away, as the winds were gathering strength. At about 9:00, the town sirens went off, and shortly afterward I got a tornado warning on my phone that said: “Tornado alert seek shelter immediately.” I did so in a closet that seemed to be relatively strong and was not directly under big trees or near to windows. Then the power went off, and I could only hear the extremely loud fury of sheets of rain, thunder, and deadly winds, combined with the glaring sirens. The cacophony was intense. Nature’s wrath had hit the town, and the tornado chewed away like a giant chainsaw. It lasted for about 45 minutes. Later, while the rain continued to pour, I quickly inspected the house I live in, with help from the lightning. The structure seemed okay, and all windows were intact. Exhausted, I went to bed.

Tornado’s wreckage

When I woke up the next day, two sizable trees were down in my muddy backyard. I did not yet realize quite how lucky I had been. Having no immediate means to clear anything, I decided to take a survey (see photographs) of the worst-hit areas of town. Someone told me where the tornado had done the most damage. It was literally on the wrong side of the tracks. Urban development is interesting that way. Pretty much anywhere in the world, parts of cities, big or small, are more desirable than others. There are always dividers, either natural or man-made, which sort of segregate a town by the level of income and sometimes by race. It is quite often in relationship with elevation and risk of flooding. This little town is split by a freight train railroad track. Because life is usually unfair, the poorer part of town was the one hardest hit by the tornado.

According to a local news source, over 450 structures were either seriously damaged or destroyed. For a town of slightly more than 5,000 people, already suffering from the COVID-19 recession like the rest of the US, and with the crash of oil prices, whose business sustains many in the community, the recovery will be an uphill battle. This little rural community will be joined by countless more in the very near future, and it will not make headlines in any mainstream news cycle. Many poor people became homeless that night. Many small business owners lost their livelihood. Countless majestic old oaks, sycamores, and

hackberry trees were snapped like matches or uprooted. Last, but not least, baby birds in the trees were killed by the thousands. The infrastructure suffered a great deal too, with many wooden electrical posts broken like twigs or laid flat on the ground.



Photo: Gilbert Mercier

What I saw reminded me of Katrina’s aftermath in New Orleans, which I had covered. Natural disasters are always a reminder of life’s incredible frailty and the brutal yet awesome forces of wind, rain, and fire. Some human beings, in all their arrogance, think and act like they can control natural phenomena, but this is a dangerous delusion. When the wrath of nature falls on us, we then realize that, as a species, we have no more survival power and skills than fire ants. Actually, probably less so. When you experience disasters, it usually gives you a great sense of humility as well as an appreciation for life.

The COVID-19 pandemic did that too. Disasters also, in the case of a hurricane, a tornado or a fire, bring people closer. If on Friday, during the day, in this little town, wearing a mask and social distancing was still officially on the behavioral menu, on Saturday morning, after the tornado, the COVID-19 cautions of mask-wearing and social distancing were thrown to the wind. People who had lost everything were trying to help and comfort each other. This spontaneous sense of solidarity is what humanity can be at its best.

Unfortunately, just as I witnessed in New Orleans post-Katrina almost 15 years ago, the citizens in this small rural town had to rely on themselves and their neighbors to start sifting through the rubble to salvage bits and pieces of their lives; rely on themselves to clear trees that had fallen on their houses, cars, and across their yards. City government authorities were nowhere to be seen. Perhaps this was because the elected town’s major powers have been de-facto stripped and assumed by an unelected and designated City Manager.

Privatization of critical sectors: the rise of banana republics

The day after the tornado hit, the private power company that has the contract from the city to maintain and fix all the electrical grid, power station, electrical posts, transformers and lines showed up, assessed the damage and immediately shut down part of the grid. Fair enough. The repairs had to be done. I asked the crew’s foreman what was a projected time estimate to restore service to the town. He didn’t want to answer and abruptly told me to contact the press representative of the corporation that employs him. The following week we had, in the town, several daily power outages as well as Internet disruption. A few years before the town had made a huge technological jump to fiber optics, all of it runs underground. Of course, the Internet/communication company that won the bid to wire the town is different from the power company.

When I called the Internet company about the numerous connection problems, they told me that the underground fiber-optic had been disrupted in many places in my areas. One can easily solve this problem here. Power company A is digging deep holes to set up new electrical posts, and carelessly disturbing the fiber optics of company B. This is, in a nutshell, what you get when you privatize and subcontract government functions on a local, state

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or federal level. There is no more coordination. Private companies only care about profits and their bottom lines. If this town was really run democratically by an elected mayor, instead of a designated city manager, the citizens could ask him in person why, for example, in a part of the U.S. at the edge of tornado alley, major electrical wires are run above ground. Why not run them underground as is done in a city with no extreme weather hazard like Las Vegas, Nevada?



Photo: Gilbert Mercier

Incapacity in the Face of Crisis

My partner at News Junkie Post, Dady Chery, and I often joke about the US and other so-called developed nations, like France, becoming banana republics, where all the infrastructure is falling apart, vital services like power and water are marginal, and corruption is rampant at all levels of government. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed governmental failures in most countries. In France, years of budget cuts in what used to be a stellar public health care system did the job. The culprits are government officials and technocrats who decided in an office somewhere, just because they could, that money must be saved. The French technocrats in question, just like the politicians in the US who for years have blocked laws to establish a free universal health care system, have blood on their hands. Indecision, and bad political decisions except the ones to dismantle the public sector to privatize government, kill.

The politician culprits will not be held accountable, as the system has been rigged to keep them, and the corporations that finance their elections and therefore maintain them in power, above the law. Yes, the banana republic factor is becoming widespread, as real democracies become an endangered mode of governance. The banana republic model is contagious too, as bad governance has reached a stage of pandemic. Sadly enough, most of the aspiring banana republics do not even have the merit of growing bananas.

This first-person story had to be told because I perceive this little community to be a microcosm of not only the dysfunctional aspects of the US but also the rest of the world. As the climate crisis intensifies — and this is not in humanity's future, it is right now — millions, or perhaps even billions, will join the ranks of the homeless in this little town. Conservative estimates put the likely number of climate change refugees at 600 million by the end of the century.

As the temperature of the oceans keeps rising, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and severe droughts will affect regions of western Europe that have been so far spared. With global warming, diseases that were confined to tropical areas, like dengue fever and malaria, will move away from the equator towards the north and south. Current medical habits to overprescribe antibiotics will cause the appearance of many more antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Humanity's general forecast is grim.

Our future is under multiple threats, dark clouds are gathering, and many storms are on their way. Real storms and the growing clamor of popular anger. The global COVID-19 pandemic and its gross political mismanagement have turned people's chronically simmering anger into a pressure cooker. Will this blow in the face of the billionaire class and their political enablers? Time will tell. It always does.

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Confronting Annexation, Occupation & Settler Colonialism in Palestine

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[Editor's note: Global resistance and internal contradiction have deterred the US-backed Israeli plan for annexation of major parts of the Palestinian occupied territories in the West Bank. It is essential to turn opposition to annexation into a struggle against occupation, settler colonialism, and US imperialism not just in Palestine and Israel, but throughout the region, as Arab reaction has always been one of twin pillars of imperialist domination, along with Zionism, in the so-called "Middle East". This includes opposing US aid to the Saudis and Egypt, as well as to Israel, and US sanctions against Iran.]

A call to the struggling Palestinian people throughout occupied Palestine and to the masses of our people struggling in exile and diaspora... A call to Palestinians, Arabs and the people of the world....

Israel, the Zionist project fully supported by the United States of America and the reactionary forces in the region, is continuing upon the path of attempting to liquidate the Palestinian cause and Palestinian rights. It aims to impose its racist colonial regime through armed force, through repressive systems, prisons and detention center, and by spreading systematic destruction targeting the Palestinian people. Israel not only denies the national rights of the Palestinian people but also violates the most basic and natural rights of people and the land.

Our struggling Palestinian people, along with the Arab nation, the peoples of the region, and the progressive forces and liberation movements around the world, are aware of the true face of the racist, Zionist colonial entity and its expansionist nature and aims, now more than ever. They also see with full clarity how the occupation continues to implement its ongoing crimes and daily attacks against the Palestinian people. These crimes and violations do not subside for one hour, from killing, siege, mass arrests, home demolitions and the confiscation of Palestinian land through annexation and displacement projects. These daily crimes committed by the occupation forces take place in full sight and sound of the world, with no accountability, meaningful response or even a minimal international legal response.

The policies of the Zionist state and of the Trump administration standing together with Netanyahu and Gantz are the natural continuation of the ongoing history of each successive Israeli government and leadership from before the establishment of the Zionist state on our Palestinian homeland in 1948 until the present day. This right-wing alliance and the deeply, fundamentally

people's institutions and organizations. This current dragged the Palestinian national movement into a state of defeat, internal conflict and disintegration, confiscating the role of the Palestine Liberation Organization and emptying it of its popular and democratic role.

Today, the peoples of the world, and friendly and hostile forces alike, look toward the Palestinian response, not only to this latest Zionist crime but to this entire stage of destruction. Their eyes point to the critical importance of a popular Palestinian and Arab response to the annexation project and the imposition of the so-called "Israeli laws and sovereignty over Judea and Samaria."

Accordingly, we call upon all national and Islamic forces, popular organizations inside Palestine and in exile and diaspora, as well as our labor unions, women's organizations and student movement to participate widely and lead the popular march that will begin on 1 July 2020 in the city of Ramallah, as we march on the path of a unified Palestinian people and a unified Palestinian struggle, standing for the rights and dignity of our people — always and only, the rights and dignity of the Palestinian people.

We call upon the Palestinian people throughout occupied Palestine, everywhere in exile and diaspora, and all those who stand for justice in Palestine — all of the national forces, youth groups, civil society institutions and popular movements — to organize direct actions and popular mobilizations in the refugee camps, cities and villages and to formulate plans for joint action and mass organization. Together, we can mobilize the power and potential of the Palestinian people, the Arab people



150 cars and 100s of people converged on the Israeli consulate on the July 1 Day of Rage to oppose annexation, occupation and apartheid colonialism of Palestine by Israel and the U.S. govt.

racist structures propping it up are convinced that it may impose its will by force upon the Palestinian people because of the state of disintegration, weakness and disorganization on the Palestinian and Arab internal fronts. They target the homes and the very existence of the Palestinian people with impunity, from demolishing our homes in the Negev, Qalansuwa, Jerusalem and throughout the West Bank, to continuing the devastating siege upon our people in the struggling Gaza Strip, to denying our right to return and self-determination throughout the entire land of Palestine.

Today, the Zionist right-wing alliance prepares to plunder all of the Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank, creating a system of ghettos, cantons, strangulation and impoverishment, what it calls "facts on the ground" that target, first and foremost, the rights and interests of the Palestinian popular classes throughout all of occupied Palestine.

On the other hand, these Israeli policies are also acting to accelerate the resounding fall of all of the projects of surrender and illusion, the path of negotiations that began with the 1991 Madrid conference and the disastrous and devastating Oslo accords that destroyed the Palestinian

and the international movement for justice to confront the schemes of the occupier and its collaborators. The time has come to take a qualitative step to protect the Palestinian people and rebuild the foundations of the national liberation movement.

Our Palestinian people everywhere and the national liberation movement march on the path to liberation and return.

With loyalty to the martyrs and the struggling prisoners' movement, the leadership of the Palestinian struggle.

Down with the occupation! The annexation, colonization and settlement projects will be defeated. Victory is with the Palestinian people and the Palestinian cause!

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